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# Initial Configuration

This chapter provides information on initial configuration tasks for a switch.

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## Connecting and Configuring the Switch

Perform the following tasks when initially connecting the switch:

### Physically Connecting to the Switch

Beginning communication with the new switch requires a serial connection. Refer to the specific hardware manual for your switch for instructions on physically connecting to the switch.

### Power on the Switch

Power on the switch. When the switch is powered on, it automatically runs the Power On Self Test (POST) to guarantee switch stability. Errors that occur during POST are written to the system error log. Verify that the POST completes successfully. Refer to the appropriate HP Fibre Channel Switch Hardware Reference Manuals for more information about powering the switch and understanding the POST.

### Configuring the IP Addresses

#### Configuring the IP Address for the SAN Switch 2/16

The switch is shipped with a default IP address of 10.77.77.77. To change the default IP Address and configure the Fibre Channel IP address of the switch:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. At the command line, enter the `ipaddrset` command. An interactive session is opened and you are prompted for configuration values. Press the **Enter** key without entering a value to skip over a prompt and leave the parameter value as is.
3. At the Ethernet IP Address prompt, enter the new IP address for the ethernet port on the switch. Press the **Enter** key to continue.
4. At the Ethernet Subnetmask prompt, enter the address of the subnetmask, if applicable. Press the **Enter** key to continue.
5. At the Fibre Channel IP address prompt, enter the Fibre Channel IP address for the switch. Press the **Enter** key to continue.
6. At the Fibre Channel Subnetmask prompt, enter the address of the subnetmask, if applicable. Press the **Enter** key to continue.

7. At the Gateway Address prompt, enter the IP address of the gateway system if applicable. Press the **Enter** key to continue.

The configuration is then committed to the switch firmware.

8. You are then prompted whether to make the IP address changes active now or at the next reboot. Enter **y** at the prompt to have the IP address changes take effect immediately.

The following example shows how to configure the IP address for a SAN Switch 2/16 using the `ipaddrset` command.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> ipaddrset
Ethernet IP Address [10.32.53.136]:
Ethernet Subnetmask [255.255.240.0]:
Fibre Channel IP Address [none]:
Fibre Channel Subnetmask [none]:
Gateway Address [10.32.48.1]:
```

## Configuring the Control Processor IP Addresses for the SAN Switch 2/32

The SAN Switch 2/32 has one Control Processor (CP) for which the Ethernet IP and host information must be configured.

1. Have the following information available for the new switch:
  - Ethernet IP Address
  - Ethernet Subnetmask
  - Hostname
  - Gateway IP Address
2. Log in to the switch as the admin user.
3. Enter the `ipaddrset` command at the command line. An interactive session is opened.
4. Enter the Ethernet IP address and click **Enter**.
5. Enter the Ethernet Subnetmask and click **Enter**.
6. Enter the Hostname and click **Enter**.
7. Enter the Gateway IP Address and click **Enter**.

8. Enter the `ippaddrset` command to verify the data you entered, and exit.
9. Repeat the steps to configure all SAN Switch 2/32 switches.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> ipaddrset
Ethernet IP Address [10.77.77.77]: 10.64.119.7
Ethernet Subnetmask [10.77.77.76]: 255.255.240.0
Fibre Channel IP Address [0.0.0.0]:
Fibre Channel Subnetmask [0.0.0.0]:
Gateway IP Address [10.64.112.1]:
IP address being changed...
Committing configuration...Done.
switch:admin>
```

## Configuring IP Addresses for the Core Switch 2/64

For the Core Switch 2/64, there are a number of Ethernet IP addresses and Fibre Channel IP addresses to set. The procedures below describes how to configure first the Control Processors, then the logical switches.

[Table 1](#) describes the different areas that must be configured for a Core Switch 2/64.

**Table 1: Areas to be Configured for the Core Switch 2/64**

Logical Switch 0 (Slots 1 - 4)	CP 0 (Slot 5)	CP 1 (Slot 6)	Logical Switch 1 (Slots 7 - 10)
Ethernet IP Address	Ethernet IP Address	Ethernet IP Address	Ethernet IP Address
Ethernet Subnetmask	Ethernet Subnetmask	Ethernet Subnetmask	Ethernet Subnetmask
Fibre Channel IP Address (Optional)	Hostname	Hostname	Fibre Channel IP Address (Optional)
Fibre Channel Subnetmask	Gateway IP Address	Gateway IP Address	Fibre Channel Subnetmask

### Configuring the Control Processors:

1. Have the following information available:
  - Ethernet IP Address

- Ethernet Subnetmask
  - Hostname
  - Gateway IP Address
2. Log in to the switch as the admin user.
  3. Enter the `ipaddrset` command at the command line. An interactive session is opened.
  4. Choose the CP that you want to configure. Enter the value that corresponds to that logical region:
    - Enter 2 to configure CP 0 (slot 5).
    - Enter 3 to configure CP 1 (slot 6).
  5. Enter the Ethernet IP Address when prompted. Click **Enter**.
  6. Enter the Ethernet Subnetmask when prompted. Click **Enter**.
  7. Enter the Hostname when prompted. Click **Enter**.
  8. Enter the Gateway IP Address when prompted. Click **Enter**.
  9. Enter the `ippaddrshow` command to verify the data you entered, and exit.
  10. Enter the `hafailover` command to make the second CP active.
  11. Repeat steps 1 through 9 to configure the second CP.
  12. See “[Configuring a Logical Switch IP Address for the Core Switch 2/64](#)” to configure the logical switch IP addresses.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> ipaddrset
Switch number [0 for switch0, 1 for switch1, 2 for CP0, 3 for CP1]: 2
Ethernet IP Address [192.168.186.61]:
Ethernet Subnetmask [255.255.255.0]:
Hostname [192.168.68.193]:
Gateway IP [255.255.255.0]:
Committing configuration...Done.
switch:admin>
```

## Configuring a Logical Switch IP Address for the Core Switch 2/64

1. Have the following information available:
  - Ethernet IP Address
  - Ethernet Subnetmask
  - Fibre Channel IP Address (Optional)
  - Fibre Channel Subnetmask
2. Log in to the switch as the admin user.
3. Enter the `ipaddrset` command at the command line. An interactive session is opened.
4. Choose the logical switch that you want to configure. Enter the value that corresponds to that logical region:
  - Enter 0 to configure logical switch 0 (slot 1 though 4)
  - Enter 1 to configure logical switch 1 (slot 7 though 10)
5. Enter the Ethernet IP address when prompted. Click **Enter**
6. Enter the Ethernet Subnetmask when prompted. Click **Enter**
7. (Optional) Enter the Fibre Channel IP address. Click **Enter**
8. Enter the Fibre Channel Subnetmask. Click **Enter**
9. Enter the `ippaddrshow` command to verify the data you entered, and exit.
10. Repeat [step 1](#) through [step 9](#) to configure the second logical switch.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> ipaddrset
Switch number [0 for switch0, 1 for switch1, 2 for CP0, 3 for CP1]: 0
Ethernet IP Address [192.168.186.61]:
Ethernet Subnetmask [255.255.255.0]:
Fibre Channel IP Address [192.168.68.193]:
Fibre Channel Subnetmask [255.255.255.0]:
Committing configuration...Done.
switch:admin>
```

## Initial Setup Example

The following example shows an initial setup of a Core Switch 2/64.

**Example: Core Switch 2/64**

```
login: admin
password: xxxxxxxx
switch:admin> ipaddrset
Switch number [0 for switch0, 1 for switch1, 2 for CP0, 3 for CP1]: 2
Ethernet IP Address [10.32.162.104]:
Ethernet Subnetmask [255.255.255.0]:
Fibre Channel IP Address [192.168.68.193]:
Fibre Channel Subnetmask [255.255.255.0]:
Committing configuration...Done.

switch:admin> ipaddrset
Switch number [0 for switch0, 1 for switch1, 2 for CP0, 3 for CP1]: 3
Ethernet IP Address [10.32.162.105]:
Ethernet Subnetmask [255.255.255.0]:
Hostname [192.168.68.193]:
Gateway IP [255.255.255.0]:
Committing configuration...Done.
```

```
switch:admin> ipaddrset
Switch number [0 for switch0, 1 for switch1, 2 for CP0, 3 for CP1]: 0
Ethernet IP Address [10.32.162.106]:
Ethernet Subnetmask [255.255.255.0]:
Hostname [192.168.68.193]:
Gateway IP [255.255.255.0]:
Committing configuration...Done.
switch:admin> ipaddrset
Switch number [0 for switch0, 1 for switch1, 2 for CP0, 3 for CP1]: 1
Ethernet IP Address [10.32.162.107]:
Ethernet Subnetmask [255.255.255.0]:
Hostname [192.168.68.193]:
Gateway IP [255.255.255.0]:
Committing configuration...Done.
```

# Switch Login

The following sections describe logging into a switch and changing the admin password.

## Logging Into the Switch

To perform the initial login into a switch:

1. Verify that the switch is connected to your IP network through the RJ-45 ethernet port to enable connection through telnet. Refer to the hardware manual of your specific switch for more information about connecting the switch to your IP network.
2. Open a telnet connection to the switch.

The login prompt is displayed if the telnet connection successfully found the switch in the network.

3. Enter the user ID (usually user or admin) at the login prompt.

**Example:**

```
login: admin
```

4. Enter the default admin password. The default password is *password*.

You will be prompted to change the password.

**Example:**

```
password: xxxxxxxx
```

5. Enter new password *or* press Ctrl+C.
6. Verify that the login was successful. A prompt is displayed showing the switch name and user ID to which you are logged.

**Example:**

```
login: admin
password: xxxxxxxx
switch:admin>
```

## Changing the Admin Password in v3.1 Firmware

For security reasons, the first time you log into the Fabric OS you are requested to change the system password. The following procedure applies specifically to v3.1.

To change the admin password:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `passwd` admin command. In v3.0.1 you must specify the user level when modifying the password.

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**Note:** Quotation marks must be used for complete initialization of this command.

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### Example:

```
switch:admin> passwd "admin"
```

3. An interactive session is started where you can change the admin user name and the password. If you want to change the admin user name, at the New username prompt, enter a new name for the admin user. Click **Return** without changing the value to leave it as is. You can change the password of the admin user without changing the user name.
4. At the Old password prompt, enter the old password.
5. At the New password prompt, enter the new password. The new password must be at least 8 characters in length.
6. At the Re-enter new password prompt, enter the new password exactly as entered in the previous prompt. Press the **Enter** key to save the new password to the firmware.

### Example:

```
switch:admin> passwd "admin"
New username [admin]:
Old password: xxxxxxxx
New password: xxxxxxxx
Re-enter new password: xxxxxxxx
Saving passwd...done.
```

## Changing the Admin Password in v4.1 Firmware

The following procedures is specific to v4.1 firmware.

For security reasons, the first time you log in to the Fabric OS you are requested to change the admin system passwords. There are four user levels: root, factory, admin, and user. Most of the administration of an HP SAN or Core switch should be done from the admin user level.

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**Note:** You cannot reuse the default passwords.

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To change the admin password:

1. Log in to the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `passwd` command. You are then prompted for information to change the password.
3. At the `Enter new password` prompt, enter the new password.
4. At the `Re-type new password` prompt, enter the new password exactly as entered at the previous prompt.
5. Press the enter key to commit the configuration to the firmware.

A message displays the successful storage of the new password.

Example:

```
switch:admin> passwd
Changing password for admin
Enter new password:
Re-type new password:
Password changed.
Saving password to stable storage.
Password saved to stable storage successfully.
switch:admin>
```

## Customize the Switch Name

You can customize the switch names for the logical switches. If you chose to change the default switch name, use a switch name that is unique and meaningful.

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**Note:** Changing the switch name causes a domain address format RSCN to be issued.

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### Switch Names

- Can be up to 15 characters in length
- Must begin with an alpha character
- Can consist of any combination of alphanumeric and underscore characters

### Default Names

The default names for the Core Switch 2/64 are “sw0” for the switch containing the port cards in slots 1-4 and “sw1” for the switch containing port cards in slots 7 through 10.

## Customizing a Switch Name

To customize the switch name, perform the following procedure.

1. Verify that there is a serial connection to the CP.
2. Log into the switch as admin.
3. (*For Core Switch 2/64 switches only*) Choose the logical switch that you want to change. Enter the value that corresponds to that logical region:
  - Enter 0 to configure logical switch 0 (slot 1 though 4)
  - Enter 1 to configure logical switch 1 (slot 7 though 10)
4. Enter the `switchname` command.
5. Enter the new name in quotes, as shown in the following example:  
`switchName "sw10"`  
For more information about this command, refer to the *HP StorageWorks Fabric OS Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide*
6. Record the new switch name for future reference.
7. (Optional) Log out of the session and repeat steps 1 through 6 for additional switches.

## Manage Licensed Features

Licensed features such as Extended Fabric, QuickLoop, and Fabric Watch are already loaded onto the switch firmware, but must be enabled with a license key. Once you have purchased these features, you are provided with a key to unlock the features in the firmware.

You can use several access methods to manage the switch (once the IP addresses are set), including:

- Telnet
- Web Tools
- Fabric Manager
- A third party application using the API

## Obtaining Optional Software License Keys from HP

If you have purchased optional software, or need to reinstall software features due to a motherboard replacement in your switch, you will need to retrieve the software license keys from the HP Authorization Center.

Obtain software license keys as follows:

- If you have your HP Registration Number, (located on your software entitlement certificate) go to <http://webkey.external.hp.com/welcome.asp>.
- If your HP Registration Number is unavailable, contact the Authorization Center directly:
  - Canada and United States, (Monday through Friday 6:00 am to 6:00 pm MST), (801) 431-1451 or (800) 861-2979.
  - Asia, (Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm), +81-03-3227-5289 or +81-3-3227-5289.
  - Europe, Middle East, Africa and Netherlands (Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm), +31-555-384-210.

## Activating a License

1. Log into the Command Line Interface as the Admin user.
2. To activate a license, you must have a valid license key. Use the license key provided in the licensed Paper Pack.

Activate the license using the `licenseadd` command, as follows:

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> licenseadd "key"
```

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**Note:** The license key is case-sensitive and must be entered exactly as given, enclosed in double quotes.

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3. Verify that the license was added by entering the `licenseshow` command at the command line prompt.

A list displays all of the licenses currently installed on the switch.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> licenseshow  
1A1AaAaaaAAAA1a:
```

```
Web license  
Zoning license  
SES license  
Security license  
Fabric Watch license
```

If the licensed feature is listed, the feature is installed and immediately available. If the license is not listed, repeat step 2 of this procedure.

## Verifying License Activation

To verify that the required licenses are activated on the switch, perform the following steps:

1. Log into the Command Line Interface as the Admin user.
2. Enter the `licenseshow` command at the command line prompt.

A list displays all of the licenses currently activated on the switch.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> licenseshow
SbQdRdzedzTcReS1:
    Web license
bR9SeSydbckSATf1:
    Trunking license
yQbze9eyzRc0f4:
    Fabric license
bR9SeSydbcgSATfx:
    Performance Monitor license
R9deQQeczeSAefRw:
    Extended Fabric license
bR9SeSydbcS SATf9:
    Security license
bcceR9QQyQcddfSG:
    Zoning license
bR9SeSydbceSATfv:
    Fabric Watch license
switch:admin>
```

If a license is not listed, it is not activated. To activate a license on a switch using telnet and the command line interface, see “[Activating a License](#)” on page 26.

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**Note:** In order to activate a license, you need a valid license key. See “[Obtaining Optional Software License Keys from HP](#)” on page 25 for instructions on obtaining license keys.

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## Configure Fabric Parameters

Fabric Parameters include all the items listed in the `configure` command. Fabric Parameters (displayed using the `configshow` command) must be identical for each switch across a fabric.

To save time when configuring the fabric parameters:

1. Configure one switch first (using the `configure` command)
2. Use the `configUpload` command to save the configuration information. See “[Saving the Switch Configuration File to a Host](#)” on page 37.
3. Use the `configdownload` command to download it onto each of the remaining switches. See “[Restoring the System Configuration Settings](#)” on page 55.

## Understanding the Core PID Requirements

Core Port Identifier (PID) addressing is an option of the `configure` command for 2.6.0c+ and 3.0.2.g+ firmware, but not 4.x firmware. However, even if you are configuring a Core Switch 2/64 or SAN Switch 2/32 switch, it is important to note this requirement if you have a fabric that mixes 4.x switches with other switches. Failing to update the Core PID addressing in non-4.x switches will result in segmentation in a mixed fabric.

For detailed information regarding Core PID and related procedures, see “[Procedures for Updating the Core PID Format](#)” on page 154.

For fabrics that consist of only 4.x.x firmware (Core Switch 2/64 or SAN Switch 2/32 switches), no action is required to configure the Core PID. The Core PID is enabled by default, and this parameter cannot be changed. However, other switches in your fabric will need to be Core PID-enabled if you mix 2.x.x or 3.x.x firmware with your 4.x.x firmware in a single fabric.

## Mixed Fabric Requirements

To mix 2.x.x or 3.x.x switches into a fabric that contains one or more 4.x.x switches, the following is required:

### Minimum Firmware

- 2.x.x firmware must be 2.6.0c or later (though 2.6.1 is strongly recommended for full functionality)
- 3.x.x firmware must be 3.0.2g or later

### Configuration Requirement

- The Core PID must be enabled on all 2.6.0c + and 3.0.2g + switches. See [\(Optional\) Enabling Core PID Addressing](#).

## (Optional) Enabling Core PID Addressing

To enable Core PID addressing on 2.6.0c or 3.0.2g switches for the purpose of mixing in to a 4.x.x fabric:

1. Telnet into the switch.
2. Log into the switch as admin.
3. Disable the switch by entering the `switchdisable` command.
4. Enter the `configure` command (the `configure` prompts display sequentially).
5. Enter “Y” after the “Fabric parameters” prompt. Be sure to use the same configuration parameters as the rest of your fabric.
6. Enter “1” at the “Core Switch PID Format” prompt. This enables the Core PID addressing, and allows the non-4.x switch to merge into a 4.x fabric.
7. Complete the remaining prompts or press Ctrl+D to accept the remaining settings without completing all the prompts.
8. Be sure to use the same configuration parameters as the rest of your fabric.
9. Repeat steps 1 through 4 for all 2.6.0c or 3.0.2g switches that you want to incorporate into the mixed fabric.

## Considering Additional Fabric Configurations

In addition to the fabric configurations set through the `configure` command, additional configurations can be set.

The following are some additional configurations to consider:

Set Routing	See <a href="#">Routing</a> on page 65.
Track Changes	See <a href="#">Tracking Switch Changes</a> on page 63.
Status Policies	See <a href="#">Switch Status Policies</a> on page 58.

## Configure Software Features

Configure the software features (such as Fabric Watch, Zoning, and Secure Fabric OS) for each switch. Refer to the User Guide for each software feature for configuration information.

To save time, configure the software features on one switch, then save the configuration file, and download it to each of the remaining switches. See “[Saving the Switch Configuration File to a Host](#)” on page 37 and to “[Restoring the System Configuration Settings](#)” on page 55 for more information.

## Verify Switch Function

To verify that your switch is operating correctly, display information about the switch and port status.

To display information about the switch and port status:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `switchshow` command at the command line. This command displays a switch summary and a port summary.

The following example displays the `switchshow` command.

### Example:

```
switch:admin> switchshow
switchName:      switch
switchType:      16.2
switchState:     Online
switchMode:      Native
switchRole:      Subordinate
switchDomain:    7
switchId:        fffc07
switchWwn:       10:00:00:60:69:c0:0e:88
switchBeacon:    OFF
Zoning:          ON (cfg1)
port  0: id N2 Online           E-Port 10:00:00:60:69:c0:0f:04 "web189"
(upstream)

port  1: id N2 No_Light
port  2: id N2 No_Light
port  3: id N2 No_Light
port  4: id N2 No_Light
port  5: id N2 No_Light
port  6: id N2 No_Light
port  7: id N2 No_Light
switch:admin>
```

3. Check that the switch and ports are online.
4. (Optional) Verify that the device is connected to the switch by entering the `nsshow [-r]` command.

Use the `-r` option to replace the TTL attribute output with SCR (state change registration) information in the display. SCR is the state change registration of a device. This value indicates what type of RSCN a device registers to receive.

**Example:** Display the local name server information.

```
switch:admin> nsshow -r
{
Type Pid COS PortName NodeName SCR
NL 2016ce; 3;21:00:00:04:cf:75:78:d2;20:00:00:04:cf:75:78:d2; 0
FC4s: FCP [SEAGATE ST318452FC 0001]
Fabric Port Name: 20:16:00:60:69:90:03:f8
N 201700; 3;21:00:00:e0:8b:05:a3:c9;20:00:00:e0:8b:05:a3:c9; 1
Fabric Port Name: 20:17:00:60:69:90:03:f8
The Local Name Server has 2 entries }
switch:admin>
```

## Connect ISLs to Switch

Refer to the switch installation guide supplied with your specific switch (the installation guide is also available on the v3.1.x or v4.1.x Software CD) for ISL connection and cable management information.

## Verifying the Fabric Connectivity

To verify that you have fabric-wide switch connectivity, display a summary of information about the fabric.

To display a summary of information about the fabric:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `fabricshow` command at the command line. This command displays a summary of all the switches in the fabric.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> fabricshow
Switch ID    Worldwide Name          Enet IP Addr   FC IP Addr   Name
-----
1: fffc01 10:00:00:60:69:80:04:5a  192.168.186.61  192.168.68.193  "switch61"
3: fffc03 10:00:00:60:69:10:9c:29  192.168.186.175  0.0.0.0      "switch175"
4: fffc04 10:00:00:60:69:12:14:b7  192.168.174.70   0.0.0.0      "switch70"
5: fffc05 10:00:00:60:69:45:68:04  192.168.144.121  0.0.0.0      "switch121"
6: fffc06 10:00:00:60:69:00:54:ea  192.168.174.79   192.168.68.197  "switch79"
7: fffc07 10:00:00:60:69:80:04:5b  192.168.186.62   192.168.68.194  "switch62"
8: fffc08 10:00:00:60:69:04:11:22  192.168.186.195  0.0.0.0      "switch195"
9: fffc09 10:00:00:60:69:10:92:04  192.168.189.197  192.168.68.198  "switch197"
10: fffc0a 10:00:00:60:69:50:05:47  192.168.189.181  192.168.68.181  "switch181"
11: fffc0b 10:00:00:60:69:00:54:e9  192.168.174.78   192.168.68.196  "switch78"
15: fffc0f 10:00:00:60:69:30:1e:16  192.168.174.73   0.0.0.0      "switch73"
33: fffc21 10:00:00:60:69:90:02:5e  192.168.144.120  0.0.0.0      "switch120"
44: fffc2c 10:00:00:60:69:c0:06:8d  192.168.144.119  0.0.0.0      "switch119"
97: fffc61 10:00:00:60:69:90:02:ed  192.168.144.123  0.0.0.0      "switch123"
98: fffc62 10:00:00:60:69:90:03:32  192.168.144.122  0.0.0.0      "switch122"
The Fabric has 15 switches
switch:admin>
```

## Connect Devices to the Switch

Power off all devices (to minimize Port Logins (PLOGIs)) and connect them to the switch, according to your topology. For devices that cannot be powered off, connect the devices, but use the `portdisable` command to disable the port on the switch.

When powering the devices back on, wait for each device to complete the fabric login before powering on the next one.

## Verifying Device Connectivity

To verify that you have fabric-wide device connectivity, display the fabric-wide device count. The number of devices listed in the Name Server (NS) should reflect the number of devices that are connected.

To display the fabric-wide device count from a switch:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. (Optional) Enter the `switchshow` command to verify that the storage devices are logged in.
3. (Optional) Enter the `nsshow` command to verify that the storage devices have successfully registered with the Name Server.
4. Enter the `nsallshow [type]` command at the command line. This command displays 24-bit Fibre Channel addresses of all devices in the fabric.

*type*      Specify the FC-PH type code. This operand is optional. The valid values for this operand are 0 to 255. Below are two specific FC-PH device type codes:

8 = FCP type device  
4 , 5 = FC-IP type device

Other FC-PH types are displayed in the format "x ports supporting FC4 *code*," where *x* is the number of ports of a type, and *code* is the FC-PH type code.

### Example:

```
switch:admin> nsallshow
    12 Nx_Ports in the Fabric {
        011200 0118e2 0118e4 0118e8 0118ef 021200
        0214e2 0214e4 0214e8 0214ef
    }
switch:admin> nsAllShow 8
    8 FCP Ports {
        0118e2 0118e4 0118e8 0118ef 0214e2 0214e4 0214e8 0214ef
    }
switch:admin> nsAllShow 5
    2 FC-IP Ports in the Fabric {
        011200 021200}
```

## Backing up Switch Configuration Information

The following sections describe how to back up switch configuration information.

### Making a Hard Copy of Switch Information

It is recommended that you make a hard copy backup of all key configuration data, including license key information for every switch, and store it in a safe and secure place for emergency reference. See the following procedures.

1. Print out the information from the following command and store in a secure location:

`licenseshow`

2. Print out the information from the following command and store in a secure location:

`configUpload` - Contains license and configuration information. Refer to the *configUpload* command in the *HP StorageWorks Fabric OS Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide* or the *HP StorageWorks Fabric Manager Version 3.0.x User Guide* for more information.

3. Print out the information from the following command and store in a secure location:

`ipaddrshow` - Select option 4 to display all configured addresses.

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**Note:** Depending on the security procedures of your company, you may want to keep a record of the user levels and passwords for all switches in the fabric. This is sensitive information and access to such information should be limited.

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### Saving the Switch Configuration File to a Host

Save all key configuration data, including license key information for every switch and upload it to a host for emergency reference.

#### About the configupload Command

The configuration file is written as three sections, and is broken up as follows:

- The first section      Contains the switch boot parameters. It has variables such as the switch's name and IP address. This section corresponds to the first few lines of output of the `configshow` command.

- The second section Contains general switch configuration variables, such as diagnostic settings, fabric configuration settings, and SNMP settings. This section corresponds to the output of the configshow command (after the first few lines), although there are more lines uploaded than shown by the command.
- The third section Contains zoning configuration parameters.

To save a backup copy of the configuration file to a host:

1. Verify that the FTP service is running on the host workstation (or on a Windows machine).
2. Log into the switch as the admin user.
3. Enter the configupload command.

Enter the command only, then enter the options as you are prompted; or enter:  
**configupload ["host", "user", "file" [, "passwd"]]**

**Table 2: Description of configupload Options**

Option	Description
host	Specify a host name or IP address in quotation marks; for example, "citadel" or "192.168.1.48". The configuration file is downloaded from this host system. This operand is optional.
user	Specify a user name in quotation marks; for example, "jdoe". This user name is used to gain access to the host. This operand is optional.
file	Specify a file name in quotation marks; for example, "config.txt". Absolute path names may be specified using forward slash (/). Relative path names create the file in the user's home directory on UNIX hosts, and in the directory where the FTP server is running on a Windows hosts. This operand is optional.
passwd	Specify a password in quotation marks. This operand is optional.

### Example:

```
swd5:admin> configupload "citadel", "jdoe", "config.txt", "passwd"
upload complete
switch:admin>
```

A message displays indicating that the upload is complete.

# Basic Switch Management

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This chapter provides information on basic configuration tasks for a switch.

The following procedures are described in this chapter:

- [Switch Enable/Disable Procedures](#), page 40
- [Domain IDs](#), page 47
- [Firmware Versions](#), page 49
- [Switch Date and Time](#), page 51
- [Fabric Configuration Settings](#), page 53
- [Switch Names](#), page 57
- [Switch Status Policies](#), page 58
- [Tracking Switch Changes](#), page 63
- [Routing](#), page 65
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- [Hexadecimal Port Diagrams](#), page 73

## Switch Enable/Disable Procedures

The following sections describe how to disable and enable a switch.

### Disabling a Switch

To disable a switch:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `switchdisable` command at the command line. All Fibre Channel ports on the switch are taken offline. If the switch was part of a fabric, the fabric reconfigures.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> switchdisable
```

### Enabling a Switch

To enable a switch:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `switchenable` command at the command line.

All Fibre Channel ports that passed the POST test are enabled. If the switch was part of a fabric, it rejoins the fabric.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> switchenable

10 switch:admin> 9  8   7   6   5   4   3   2   1

fabric: Principal switch
fabric: Domain 1

switch:admin>
```

## Disabling a Port

To disable a port:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. At the command line, enter the `portdisable` command using the following syntax:

```
portdisable [slotnumber]/portnumber
```

(Optional) Specify the `slotnumber` and `portnumber` that you want to disable. If the port is connected to another switch, the fabric may reconfigure. If the port is connected to one or more devices, these devices are no longer available to the fabric.

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**Note:** The slot number is only required for the Core Switch 2/64 switch.

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The following example is the command output from the `portdisable` command.

### Example:

```
switch:admin> portdisable 4
```

The following examples show how to disable a port for SAN Switch 2/32 and a Core Switch 2/64.

### Example: SAN Switch 2/32

```
switch:admin> portdisable 4
switch:admin> portshow 4
portName:
portFlags: 0x300082d7  portLbMod: 0x10  PRESENT ACTIVE E_PORT G_PORT
U_PORT SEG
MENTED CBL_LB LOGIN
portType: 4.1
portState: 1  Online
portPhys: 6  In_Sync
portScn: 7  Segmented Flow control mode 0
portRegs: 0x81050000
portData: 0x11efc2d0
```

```
portId: 021500
portWwn: 20:05:00:60:69:c0:06:71
portWwn of device(s) connected: 20:05:00:60:69:c0:06:71
Distance: normal
Speed: 2Gbps

Interrupts: 227 Link_failure: 0 Frjt: 0
Unknown: 28 Loss_of_sync: 7 Fbsy: 0
Lli: 63 Loss_of_sig: 0
Proc_rqrd: 150 Protocol_err: 0
Timed_out: 0 Invalid_word: 0
Rx_flushed: 0 Invalid_crc: 0
Tx_unavail: 0 Delim_err: 0
Free_buffer: 0 Address_err: 0
Overrun: 0 Lr_in: 14
Suspended: 0 Lr_out: 14
Parity_err: 0 Ols_in: 7
                                Ols_out: 7

switch:admin>
```

### Example: Core Switch 2/64

```
switch:admin> portdisable 1/5
switch:admin> portshow 1/5
portName:
portDisableReason: None
portCFlags: 0x1
portFlags: 0xc228057 PRESENT ACTIVE E_PORT G_PORT U_PORT LOGIN LED ACCEPT
portType: 4.1
portState: 2 Offline
portPhys: 6 In_Sync
portScn: 5 E_Port Trunk master port,
portId: 010500
portWwn: 20:05:00:60:69:80:03:32
```

```
portWwn of device(s) connected:  
None  
Distance: normal  
portSpeed: N2Gbps  
Interrupts: 1086 Link_failure: 0 Frjt: 0  
Unknown: 0 Loss_of_sync: 0 Fbsy: 0  
Lli: 0 Loss_of_sig: 0  
Proc_rqrd: 1086 Protocol_err: 0  
Timed_out: 0 Invalid_word: 0  
Rx_flushed: 0 Invalid_crc: 0  
Tx_unavail: 0 Delim_err: 0  
Free_buffer: 0 Address_err: 0  
Overrun: 0 Lr_in: 0  
Suspended: 0 Lr_out: 0  
Parity_err: 0 Ols_in: 0  
2_parity_err: 0 Ols_out: 0  
CMI_bus_err: 0  
switch:admin>
```

## Enabling a Port

To enable a port:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `portenable` command at the command line, using the following syntax:

```
portenable [slotnumber]/portnumber
```

where *slotnumber* and *portnumber* are the slot and port number of the port you want to enable. If the port is connected to another switch, the fabric may reconfigure. If the port is connected to one or more devices, these devices become available to the fabric.

The following example is the `portenable` command.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> portenable 4
```

The following example is the portenable command output from a SAN Switch 2/32.

**Example: SAN Switch 2/32**

```
switch:admin> portenable 4
switch:admin> portshow 4
portName:
portFlags: 0x300082d7  portLbMod: 0x10  PRESENT ACTIVE E_PORT G_PORT U_PORT SEG
MENTED CBL_LB LOGIN
portType: 4.1
portState: 1    Online
portPhys: 6    In_Sync
portScn: 7    Segmented Flow control mode 0
portRegs: 0x81050000
portData: 0x11efc2d0
portId: 021500
portWwn: 20:05:00:60:69:c0:06:71
portWwn of device(s) connected: 20:05:00:60:69:c0:06:71
Distance: normal
Speed: 2Gbps
switch:admin> portenable 4
switch:admin> portshow 4
portName:
portFlags: 0x300082d7  portLbMod: 0x10  PRESENT ACTIVE E_PORT G_PORT U_PORT SEG
MENTED CBL_LB LOGIN
portType: 4.1
portState: 1    Online
portPhys: 6    In_Sync
portScn: 7    Segmented Flow control mode 0
portRegs: 0x81050000
```

```
portData: 0x11efc2d0
portId: 021500
portWwn: 20:05:00:60:69:c0:06:71
portWwn of device(s) connected: 20:05:00:60:69:c0:06:71
Distance: normal
Speed: 2Gbps

Interrupts: 227 Link_failure: 0 Frjt: 0
Unknown: 28 Loss_of_sync: 7 Fbsy: 0
Lli: 63 Loss_of_sig: 0
Proc_rqrd: 150 Protocol_err: 0
Timed_out: 0 Invalid_word: 0
Rx_flushed: 0 Invalid_crc: 0
Tx_unavail: 0 Delim_err: 0
Free_buffer: 0 Address_err: 0
Overrun: 0 Lr_in: 14
Suspended: 0 Lr_out: 14
Parity_err: 0 Ols_in: 7
                                Ols_out: 7

switch:admin>
```

The following example is the portenable command output from a Core Switch 2/64.

**Example:** Core Switch 2/64

```
switch:admin> portenable 4
switch:admin> portshow 4
portName:
portFlags: 0x300082d7  portLbMod: 0x10  PRESENT ACTIVE E_PORT G_PORT U_PORT SEG
MENTED CBL_LB LOGIN
portType: 4.1
portState: 1    Online
portPhys: 6    In_Sync
portScn: 7    Segmented Flow control mode 0
portRegs: 0x81050000
portData: 0x11efc2d0
portId: 021500
portWwn: 20:05:00:60:69:c0:06:71
portWwn of device(s) connected: 20:05:00:60:69:c0:06:71
Distance: normal
Speed: 2Gbps
switch:admin> portenable 4
switch:admin> portshow 4
portName:
portFlags: 0x300082d7  portLbMod: 0x10  PRESENT ACTIVE E_PORT G_PORT U_PORT SEG
MENTED CBL_LB LOGIN
portType: 4.1
portState: 1    Online
portPhys: 6    In_Sync
portScn: 7    Segmented Flow control mode 0
portRegs: 0x81050000
```

## Domain IDs

Domain IDs are assigned dynamically when a switch is enabled. However, the Domain ID can be set manually in order to control the number or to resolve a Domain ID conflict when merging fabrics.

### Display a Current List of Domain IDs

1. Log into a switch.
2. Enter the fabricshow command.

Fabric information is displayed, including the Domain ID (D\_ID).

#### Example:

```
switch:admin> fabricshow
Switch ID Worldwide Name Enet IP Addr FC IP Addr Name
-----
3: fffc43 10:00:00:60:69:10:60:1f 192.168.64.187 0.0.0.0 "sw187"
2: fffc42 10:00:00:60:69:00:05:91 192.168.64.60 192.168.65.60 "sw60"
1: fffc41 10:00:00:60:69:00:02:0b 192.168.64.180 192.168.65.180 >"sw180"
0: fffc40 10:00:00:60:69:00:06:56 192.168.64.59 192.168.65.59 "sw5"
The Fabric has 4 switches
Group ID Token
-----
0: fffb01 40:05:00:00:10:00:00:60:69:00:00:15
```

The fields in the fabricshow command are described as follows:

Switch ID	The switch Domain_ID and embedded port D_ID.
World Wide Name	The switch WWN.
Enet IP Addr	The switch ethernet IP address.
FC IP Addr	The switch FC IP address.
Name	The switch symbolic name. An arrow (>) indicates the principal switch.

If multicast alias groups exist, the following fields are shown:

Group ID	The alias group number and D_ID.
Token	The alias group token (assigned by the N_Port).

## Setting a Domain ID

1. Log into the switch.
2. Enter the `switchdisable` command to disable the switch.
3. Enter the `configure` command.
4. Enter “Y” after the Fabric parameters prompt:

**Example:**

```
Fabric parameters (yes, y, no, n): [no] y
```

5. Enter a unique Domain ID at the Domain ID prompt:

**Example:**

```
Domain: (1..239) [1] 3
```

6. Complete the remaining prompts (or press Ctrl+D to accept the other settings and exit).
7. Enter the `switchenable` command to re-enable the switch.

## Firmware Versions

Different StorageWorks Fibre Channel switches run different versions of Fabric OS firmware. The following table describes the switch series and the corresponding firmware:

**Table 3: Switch Series and Applicable Firmware**

Switch Type	Correct Firmware
StorageWorks 1 Gb SAN switches	Fabric OS 2x
SAN Switch 2/8 EL and SAN Switch 2/16 series	Fabric OS 3x
SAN Switch 2/32 switch	Fabric OS 4x
Core Switch 2/64 switch	Fabric OS 4x

## Displaying the Firmware Version and Information

To display the firmware version:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user (refer to “[Switch Login](#)” on page 21).
2. Enter the *version* command at the command line. This command displays the Kernel version, Fabric OS release number, and other information about the firmware.

The following example shows the firmware version information on a Core Switch 2/64.

**Example:** Core Switch 2/64

```
switch:admin> version
Kernel:      2.4.2
Fabric OS:   v4.1
Made on:     Sun Jan 12 01:09:45 2003
Flash:       Sun Jan 12 13:25:49 2003
BootProm:    3.1.18
switch:admin>
```

The following information is displayed in the *version* command:

Kernel	Displays the version of switch kernel operating system
--------	--

Fabric OS	Displays the version of switch Fabric OS
Made on	Displays the build date of firmware running in switch
Flash	Displays the build date of firmware stored in flash proms
BootProm	Displays the version of the firmware stored in the boot PROM

Usually the Made on and Flash dates are the same, since the switch starts running flash firmware at power-on. However, in the time period between firmwareDownload and the next reboot, the dates can differ.

3. Enter the `firmwareShow` command.

Use this command to display the Fabric OS versions on primary and secondary partitions on the local CP and on the remote CP. This command identifies the status for each CP as Active or Standby, and will also identify the slot number for each CP.

If there is only one CP available, the command displays the Fabric OS versions for the primary and secondary partitions on that CP.

**Example:** SAN Switch 2/32

```
switch232:admin> firmwareshow
Local CP (Slot 5, CP0): Active
Primary partition: v4.0.2
Secondary Partition: v4.0.2
Remote CP is Non-redundant.
switch232:admin>
```

**Example:** Core Switch 2/64

```
switch264:admin> firmwareshow
Local CP (Slot 5, CP0): Active
Primary partition: v4.0.2
Secondary Partition: v4.0.2
Remote CP (Slot 6, CP1): Standby
Primary partition: v4.0.2
Secondary Partition: v4.0.2
switch264:admin>
```

## Switch Date and Time

All switches maintain current date and time in non-volatile memory. Date and time are used for logging events. Switch operation does not depend on the date and time; a switch with an incorrect date and time value still functions properly.

---

**Note:** This command is disabled when the security feature is enabled. With security enabled you can only view the current setting.

---

## Setting the Switch Date and Time

To set the date and time of a switch:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. At the command line, enter the `date` command using the following syntax:

```
date "MMDDhhmmYY"
```

The values represent the following:

- MM is the month, valid values are 01-12.
- DD is the date, valid values are 01-31.
- hh is the hour, valid values are 00-23.
- mm is minutes, valid values are 00-59.
- YY is the year, valid values are 00-99.

---

**Note:** Year values greater than 69 are interpreted as 1970–1999, year values less than 70 are interpreted as 2000–2069. The date function does not support daylight savings time or time zones.

---

### Example:

```
switch:admin> date "0505215089"
Fri May  5 21:50:00 UTC 1989
switch:admin>
```

## Synchronize Local Time with an External Source

Use this procedure to synchronize the local time of the Principal or Primary FCS switch to an external NTP server.

1. Log in as admin.
2. Enter the `tsclockserver [ipaddr]` command

where *ipaddr* is the IP address of the NTP server. The *ipaddr* specified should be the IP address of an NTP server and should be accessible from the switch. This operand is optional; by default this value is *LOCL*.

### Example:

```
switch:admin> tsclockserver
LOCL
switch:admin> tsclockserver "132.163.135.131"
switch:admin> tsclockserver
132.163.135.131
switch:admin>
```

## Fabric Configuration Settings

It is important to have consistent system configuration settings since inconsistent parameters among switches in the same fabric can cause fabric segmentation. To troubleshoot a fabric segmentation issue, refer to “[Restoring the System Configuration Settings](#)” on page 55.

The following parameters are included in the System Configuration Settings:

- Fabric Parameters
- Virtual Channel Settings
- Zoning Operation Parameters
- Rscn Transmission Mode
- NS Pre-zoning Mode
- Arbitrated Loop Parameters
- System Services
- Portlog Events Enable

## Displaying the Fabric Configuration Settings

To display and check system configuration settings, perform the following procedure.

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `configshow` command at the command line. The system configuration settings appear.

```
switch:admin> configshow
RSCN.end-device.TransmissionMode:0
alpaList:1
boot.device:fei
boot.file:/usr/switch/firmware
boot.gateway.ipa:192.168.147.172
boot.ipa:192.168.147.172:fffffff00
boot.mac:10:00:00:60:69:80:04:22
boot.name:ter172
boot.server.ipa:
```

```
boot.server.name:host
boot.user:user
diag.loopID:125
diag.mode.burnin:0
diag.mode.burnin.1.name:switchess.sh
diag.mode.burnin.10.name:switchess.sh
diag.mode.burnin.2.name:switchess.sh
diag.mode.burnin.3.name:switchess.sh
diag.mode.burnin.4.name:switchess.sh
diag.mode.burnin.7.name:switchess.sh
diag.mode.burnin.8.name:switchess.sh
diag.mode.burnin.9.name:switchess.sh
diag.mode.burnin.level:0
diag.mode.esd:0
diag.mode.lab:28
switch:admin>
```

---

**Note:** System configuration parameters vary depending on switch model and configuration.

---

## Backing Up the System Configuration Settings

Keep a backup file of the system configuration settings in the event that the configurations are lost or unintentional changes are made.

System Configurations can be saved through the Fabric OS, or through Fabric Manager. To back up or restore system configuration settings through Fabric Manager, refer to the *HP StorageWorks Fabric Manager Version 3.0.x User Guide*.

To upload a backup copy of the configuration settings to a host computer:

1. Verify that the FTP service is running on the host workstation.
2. Log into the switch as the admin user.
3. At the command line, enter the configupload command. The command becomes interactive and you are prompted for the required information.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> configupload
Server Name or IP Address [host]: 192.168.15.42
User Name [user]: johndoe
File Name [config.txt]: config-switch.txt
Password:xxxxxx
configuration complete
switch:admin>
```

## Restoring the System Configuration Settings

System Configurations can be saved through the Fabric OS, or through Fabric Manager. To back up or restore system configuration settings through Fabric Manager, refer to the *HP StorageWorks Fabric Manager Version 3.0.x User Guide*.

To restore the system configuration settings from a backup:

1. Verify that the FTP service is running on the host workstation.
2. Log into the switch as the admin user.
3. Shut down the switch by entering the switchdisable command.
4. Enter the configdownload command at the command line. The command becomes interactive and you are prompted for the required information.
5. At the Do you want to continue [y/n] prompt, select “y”.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> configdownload
Server Name or IP Address [host]: 192.168.15.42
User Name [user]: johndoe
File Name [config.txt]: config-switch.txt
Password:
```

\*\*\* CAUTION \*\*\*

This command is used to download a backed-up configuration for a specific switch. If using a file from a different

```
switch, this file's configuration settings will override  
any current switch settings. Downloading a configuration  
file, which was uploaded from a different type of switch,  
may cause this switch to fail.
```

```
Do you want to continue [y/n]: y  
download complete..  
switch:admin>
```

6. Enter the `reboot` command to reboot the switch.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> reboot
```

## Switch Names

Switches can be identified by IP address, Domain ID, WWN, or customized switch name.

### Changing a Switch Name

To change the name of a switch:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `switchname` command at the command line, using the following syntax:

```
switchname "newname"
```

Where *newname* is the new name for the switch. Switch names can be up to 19 characters in length, must begin with a letter, and can contain letters, numbers, or the underscore character.

---

**Note:** This command is disabled when the security feature is enabled. With security enabled, you can only view the current setting unless it is run on the Primary Fabric Configuration Server (FCS) switch.

Quotation marks must be used to identify the new name.

---

#### Example:

```
switch:admin> switchname "switch62"
Committing configuration...
Done.
switch62:admin>
```

## Switch Status Policies

For detailed information about setting policy parameters, refer to the *HP StorageWorks Fabric Watch Version 3.1.x/4.1.x User Guide*.

The policy parameter determines the number of failed or non-operational units for each contributor that will trigger a status change in the switch.

Each parameter can be adjusted so that a specific threshold must be reached before that parameter changes the overall status of a switch to MARGINAL or DOWN. For example, if the FaultyPorts DOWN parameter is set to 3, the status of the switch will change if 3 ports fail. Only one policy parameter needs to pass the MARGINAL or DOWN threshold to change the overall status of the switch.

There are seven parameters that determine the status of a switch:

- Number of faulty ports
- Missing GBICs
- Power supply status
- Temperature in enclosure
- Fan speed
- Port status
- ISL status

## Viewing the Policy Threshold Values

To view the switch status policy threshold values:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `switchstatuspolicyshow` command at the command line.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> switchstatuspolicyshow
The current overall switch status policy parameters:
          Down      Marginal
-----
FaultyPorts  2          1
MissingSFPs  0          0
PowerSupplies 2          1
Temperatures 2          1
      Fans  2          1
PortStatus   0          0
    ISLStatus 2          1
switch:admin>
```

## Configuring the Policy Threshold Values

To set the switch status policy threshold values:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the **switchstatuspolicyset** command at the command line. First, the current switch status policy parameter values are displayed, then you are prompted to enter values for each DOWN and MARGINAL threshold parameter:
  - Enter the number of faulty ports required to change the switch status to DOWN and click **Enter**.
  - Enter the number of faulty ports required to change the switch status to MARGINAL and click **Enter**.
  - Enter the number of missing GBICs required to change the switch status to DOWN and click **Enter**.
  - Enter the number of missing GBICs required to change the switch status to MARGINAL and click **Enter**.
  - Enter the number of bad Power Supply warnings required to change the switch status to DOWN and click **Enter**.
  - Enter the number of bad Power Supply warnings required to change the switch status to MARGINAL and click **Enter**.

- Enter the number of temperature warnings required to change the switch status to DOWN and click **Enter**.
- Enter the number of temperature warnings required to change the switch status to MARGINAL and click **Enter**.
- Enter the number of fan speed warnings required to change the switch status to DOWN and click **Enter**.
- Enter the number of fan speed warnings required to change the switch status to MARGINAL and click **Enter**.
- Enter the number of port down warnings required to change the switch status to DOWN and press the **Enter**.
- Enter the number of port down warnings required to change the switch status to MARGINAL and click **Enter**.
- Enter the number of ISLstatus down warnings required to change the switch status to DOWN and click **Enter**.
- Enter the number of ISLstatus down warnings required to change the switch status to MARGINAL and click **Enter**.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> switchstatuspolicyset
To change the overall switch status policy parameters
The current overall switch status policy parameters:
```

	Down	Marginal
<hr/>		
FaultyPorts	2	1
MissingSFPs	0	0
PowerSupplies	2	1
Temperatures	2	1
Fans	2	1
PortStatus	0	0
ISLStatus	2	1

Note that the value, 0, for a parameter, means that it  
NOT used in the calculation.

\*\* In addition, if the range of settable values in the  
\*\* the policy parameter is NOT applicable to the switch

```
** Simply hit the Return key.  
The minimum number of  
    FaultyPorts contributing to  
        DOWN status: (0..64) [2]  
    FaultyPorts contributing to  
        MARGINAL status: (0..64) [1]  
    MissingSFPs contributing to  
        DOWN status: (0..64) [0]  
    MissingSFPs contributing to  
        MARGINAL status: (0..64) [0]  
    Bad PowerSupplies contributing to  
        DOWN status: (0..4) [2]  
    Bad PowerSupplies contributing to  
        MARGINAL status: (0..4) [1]  
    Bad Temperatures contributing to  
        DOWN status: (0..6) [2]  
    Bad Temperatures contributing to  
        MARGINAL status: (0..6) [1]  
    Bad Fans contributing to  
        DOWN status: (0..3) [2]  
    Bad Fans contributing to  
        MARGINAL status: (0..3) [1]  
    Down PortStatus contributing to  
        DOWN status: (0..64) [0]  
    Down PortStatus contributing to  
        MARGINAL status: (0..64) [0]  
    down ISLStatus contributing to  
        DOWN status: (0..64) [2]  
    down ISLStatus contributing to  
        MARGINAL status: (0..64) [1]  
No change  
switch:admin>
```

3. Verify the threshold settings you have configured for each parameter. Enter the `switchstatuspolicyshow` command to view your current switch status policy configuration.

---

**Note:** By setting the DOWN and MARGINAL value for a parameter to 0,0, that parameter is no longer used in setting the overall status for the switch.

---

## Tracking Switch Changes

The Track Change feature allows you to keep a record of specific changes that may not be considered switch events, but may be useful. The output from the track changes feature is dumped to the error log for the switch. Use the `errdump` command or `errshow` command to view the error log.

Items in the error log created from the Track changes feature are labeled TRACK.

Trackable changes are:

- Successful login
- Unsuccessful login
- Logout
- Config file change from task
- Track-changes on
- Track-changes off

An SNMP-TRAP mode can also be enabled. Refer to the `trackchangeshelp` command in the *HP StorageWorks Fabric OS Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide*.

## Enabling the Track Changes Feature

To enable the track changes feature:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `trackchangesset 1` command at the command line to enable the track changes feature.

A prompt is displayed verifying that the track changes feature is on.

### Example:

```
switch:admin> trackchangesset 1
Committing configuration...done.
switch:admin>
```

The output from the track changes feature is dumped to the error log for the switch. Use the `errdump` command or `errshow` command to view the error log.

Items in the error log created from the Track changes feature are labeled TRACK.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> errdump

Error 07
-----
0x17ef (fabos): Mar 24 11:10:27
Switch: 1, Info TRACK-CONFIG_CHANGE, 4, Config file change from
task:TRACKIPC

Error 06
-----
0x4e7 (fabos): Mar 24 11:10:24
Switch: 1, Info TRACK-TRACK_ON, 4, Track-changes on
```

## Displaying Whether Track Changes are Enabled

To display the status of the Track Changes feature:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. At the command line, enter the `trackchangesshow` command.

The status of the track changes feature is displayed as either on or off. This also displays whether the track changes feature is configured to send SNMP traps.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> trackchangesshow
Track changes status: ON
Track changes generate SNMP-TRAP: NO
switch:admin>
```

# Routing

## In Order Delivery

In a stable fabric, frames are always delivered in order, even when the traffic between switches is shared among multiple paths. However, when topology changes occur in the fabric (for instance, a link goes down), traffic is rerouted around the failure. When topology changes occur, some frames could be delivered out of order.

The default behavior is to automatically enable out-of-order delivery of frames during fabric topology changes; this enables fast rerouting after a fabric topology change. See “[Forcing In-order Delivery of Frames](#)” on page 65 to change the default routing settings during topology changes.

## Dynamic Load Sharing

Routing is generally based on the incoming port and the destination domain. This means that all the traffic coming in from a port (either E\_Port or Fx\_Port), directed to the same remote domain, is routed through the same output E\_Port. To optimize fabric routing, when there are multiple equivalent paths to a remote switch, traffic is shared among all the paths. Load sharing is recomputed when a switch is booted up or every time a change in the fabric occurs. A change in the fabric is defined as an E\_Port going up or down, or an Fx\_Port going up or down. See “[Using Dynamic Load-Sharing](#)” on page 66.

## Forcing In-order Delivery of Frames

To force in-order delivery of frames during fabric topology changes:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. At the command line, enter the iodset command.

### Example:

```
switch:admin> iodset
done.
switch:admin>
```

---

**Note:** This command can cause a delay in the establishment of a new path when a topology change occurs, and should be used with care.

---

## Restoring In-order Delivery of Frames

To restore the default In-order delivery setting (which allows frames to be delivered out-of-order during topology changes for faster delivery):

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `iodreset` command at the command line.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> iodreset
done.
switch:admin>
```

## Using Dynamic Load-Sharing

Optimal load sharing is rarely achieved with DLS disabled. If DLS is turned on (using `dlsset`), routing changes can affect working ports. For example, if an Fx\_Port goes down, another Fx\_Port may be rerouted from one E\_Port to a different E\_Port. The switch minimizes the number of routing changes, but some are necessary in order to achieve optimal load sharing.

If DLS is turned off (using `dlsreset`), load sharing is performed only at boot time or when an Fx\_Port comes up.

1. Log in to the switch as admin.
2. Enter the `dlsshow` command to view the current DLS setting.

One of the following messages appears:

— DLS is set The DLS option is turned on. Load sharing is reconfigured with every change in the fabric.

— DLS is not set The DLS option is turned off. Load sharing is only reconfigured when the switch is rebooted or an Fx\_Port comes up.

3. Enter the `dlsSet` command to enable Dynamic Load Sharing when a fabric change occurs.
4. Enter the `dlsReset` command to disable Dynamic Load Sharing.

Load sharing is performed only at boot time or when an Fx\_Port comes up.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> dlsshow
DLS is not set
switch:admin> dlsset
Committing configuration...done.
switch:admin> dlsshow
DLS is set
switch:admin> dlsreset
Committing configuration...done.
```

## Viewing Routing Path Information

1. Log in as admin.
2. Enter the `topologyShow` command to display the fabric topology, as it appears to the local switch.

The following entries appear:

- Local Domain - Domain number of local switch.
- Domain - Domain number of destination switch.
- Metric - Cost of reaching destination domain.
- Name - The name of the destination switch.
- Path Count - The number of currently active paths to the destination domain.
- Hops - The maximum number of hops to reach destination domain.
- Out Port - The Port that incoming frame will be forwarded to, in order to reach the destination domain.
- In Ports- Input ports that use the corresponding Out Port to reach the destination domain. This is the same information provided by `portrouteshow` and `urouteshow`.
- Total Bandwidth - The maximum bandwidth of the out port.
- Bandwidth Demand - The maximum bandwidth demand by the in ports.
- Flags - Always 'D', indicating a dynamic path. A dynamic path is discovered automatically by the FSPF path selection protocol.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> topologyshow
2 domains in the fabric; Local Domain ID: 1
Domain: 6
Metric: 500
Name: switch
Path Count: 4
Hops: 1
Out Port: 60
In Ports: None
Total Bandwidth: 2 Gbps
Bandwidth Demand: 0 %
Flags: D
Hops: 1
Out Port: 61
In Ports: None
Total Bandwidth: 2 Gbps
Bandwidth Demand: 0 %
Flags: D
Hops: 1
Out Port: 62
In Ports: None
Total Bandwidth: 2 Gbps
Bandwidth Demand: 0 %
Flags: D
Hops: 1
Out Port: 58
In Ports: None
Total Bandwidth: 2 Gbps
Bandwidth Demand: 0 %
Flags: D
```

3. Enter the `urouteshow [slotnumber/] [portnumber] [, domainnumber]` command to display unicast routing information.

The following entries appear:

- Local Domain - Domain number of local switch.
- In Ports - Port from which a frame is received.
- Domain - Destination domain of incoming frame.
- Out Port - The Port that incoming frame will be forwarded to, in order to reach the destination domain.
- Metric - Cost of reaching destination domain.
- Hops - The maximum number of hops to reach destination domain.
- Flags -Indicates if route is dynamic (D) or static (S). A dynamic route is discovered automatically by the FSPF path selection protocol. A static route is assigned using the command `urouteconfig`.
- Next (Dom, Port) - Domain and port number of the next hop. These are the domain number and the port.

**Example:** The example below displays the routing information of all the active ports:

```
switch:admin> urouteshow
Local Domain ID: 3
In Port Domain Out Port Metric Hops Flags Next (Dom, Port)
-----
0 1 11 1000 1 D 1,0
11 2 0 1500 2 D 4,0
4 0 500 1 D 4,0
16 1 27 1000 1 D 1,1
27 2 16 1500 2 D 4,16
4 0 500 1 D 4,0
```

**Example:** The example below displays the routing information for port 11 on slot 1

```
switch:admin> urouteshow 1/11
Local Domain ID: 3
In Port Domain Out Port Metric Hops Flags Next (Dom, Port)
-----
11 2 16 1500 2 D 4,16
4 16 500 1 D 4,16
```

**Example:** The example below displays the routing information of port 11 to domain 4 only:

```
switch:admin> urouteshow 1/11, 4
Local Domain ID: 3
In Port Domain Out Port Metric Hops Flags Next (Dom, Port)
-----
11 4 16 500 1 D 4,16
```

## Help Commands

Each Fabric OS command provides Help information that displays what the command does, explains the possible operands, displays the command level, and sometimes provides additional information.

### Displaying Help Information for a Command

To display help information about a command:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `help` command using the following syntax at the command line:  
`help command`  
where *command* is the name of the command you would like help with.

#### Example:

```
switch:admin> help configure

Administrative Commands                               configure(1m)

NAME
configure - change system configuration settings

SYNOPSIS
configure

AVAILABILITY
admin

DESCRIPTION
This command changes some system configuration settings,
including:
    o Arbitrated loop settings
    o Switch fabric settings

<output truncated>
```

## Additional Help Topics

The help command lists most of the files. There are also commands that provide additional help files for specific topics. The following is not a complete list.

For example:

- diagHelp—Print diagnostic help information.
- fwHelp—Print Fabric Watch help information.
- licenseHelp—Print license help information.
- perfHelp—Print Performance Monitoring help information.
- routeHelp—Print routing help information.
- trackChangesHelp—Print Track Changes help information.

## Hexadecimal Port Diagrams

Many of the commands, such as `bcastshow`, `portLogShow`, and `portLogDump` return port diagrams in hexadecimal format.

### Reading Hexadecimal Port Diagrams

The following example shows the `bcastshow` command and a member port list, member ISL port list, and static ISL port list in hexidecimal format.

#### Example:

```
switch:admin> bcastshow

Group      Member Ports      Member ISL Ports      Static ISL Ports

-----
256        0x00000000        0x00000000        0x00000000
            0x00000000        0x00000000        0x00000000
            0x00000001        0x00000000        0x00000000
            0x00012083

switch:admin>
```

To read the hexadecimal port diagrams, they must be converted into binary notation. Each hexadecimal value represents four binary values. Each hexadecimal value is converted into a group of four binary values that represent four ports, as follows:

**Table 4: Hexidecimal to binary conversions**

Hex value = Binary value	Hex value = Binary value
0 = 0000	8 = 1000
1 = 0001	9 = 1001
2 = 0010	A = 1010
3 = 0011	B = 1011
4 = 0100	C = 1100

**Table 4: Hexadecimal to binary conversions (Continued)**

Hex value = Binary value	Hex value = Binary value
5 = 0101	D = 1101
6 = 0110	E = 1110
7 = 0111	F = 1111

Once the Hexadecimal is converted into a binary bit map, each bit represents a port, where a value of 1 means yes and a value of 0 means no. The bit map is read from right to left, that is, the least significant bit represents port 0.

For example, if the member port value is displayed in hex as:

0x00012083

This corresponds to a binary bit map of the member ports as follows:

0000 0000 0000 0001 0010 0000 1000 0011

This bit map displays the member ports as port 0, 1, 7, 13, and 16. Note that each switch has an internal port (in the example above, port 16) which is always a member of a broadcast group.

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# Firmware Download

This chapter provides information on upgrading firmware on the StorageWorks 2 Gb SAN switches using Web Tools and FOS CLI.

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## About Firmware Downloads

The following sections help one understand the firmware upgrade process.

### Understanding the Dual-CP Firmware Upgrade Process

The 4.1 version of firmware offers a non-disruptive firmware download process for the SAN Switch 2/32 and the Core Switch 2/64 dual-CP switch.

The following process describes the default behavior of the `firmwaredownload` command on a Core Switch 2/64 dual CP when no options are used. Refer to “[Upgrading the Firmware Using the CLI](#)” on page 88 or “[Upgrading the Firmware on the Core Switch 2/64](#)” on page 80 for instructions.

1. The `firmwaredownload` command is executed. Step 1 is executed on the active CP by the operator. Steps 2 through 6 are done automatically for the operator.
2. Firmware download is done on the standby CP first.
3. The Standby CP forces a failover.
4. Firmware download is completed on the *new* standby CP.
5. The *new* standby is rebooted.
6. The `firmwareCommit` is executed on both CPs.
7. The `firmwaredownloadstatus` command shows the firmware process.
8. The entire firmware activation process may take 20-25 minutes.
9. If there is a problem, wait for the timeout. By design, partitions will be made equal in the event of a firmware download failure.

If an error is encountered during the `firmwaredownload` (such as an unexpected power outage), the command will ensure that both partitions of a CP contain the same version of firmware. However, partitions in a different CP may contain different versions of firmware. In that event, rerun the `firmware download` command.

## Non-Disruptive Firmware Activation

The v4.1 Fabric OS provides the ability to activate firmware non-disruptively.

The Core Switch 2/64 platform provides non-disruptive behavior as long as both CP blades are installed, and that they are fully synchronized. Use the `haShow` command to confirm synchronization.

### On Core Switch 2/64 with only 1 CP

Single CP Core Switch 2/64 system will need to reboot itself to activate firmware. The process will be disruptive. Identical to the version 4.0.2 single CP firmware activation.

### On the SAN Switch 2/32 or other single-processor systems

Firmware “Fails-Over” to itself. However, the process takes longer as a reboot of the operating system is required.

## The Firmware Upgrade Process

The firmware upgrade processes are shown for the various switch models.

### Upgrading the Firmware on the SAN Switch 2/32

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**Note:** The procedure below only applies to upgrading firmware version v4.0.0d or later.

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The SAN Switch 2/32 maintains a primary and secondary partition for firmware. The `firmwaredownload` command downloads only to the secondary partition. The `firmwaredownload` command also has an auto-commit option (which is the default) that automatically commits the firmware to both partitions during the download process. If you over-ride the auto-commit option (on the command line), you must execute this command on the SAN Switch 2/32 manually (not recommended for normal operation). After a reboot, the partitions are swapped.

Use the following procedure to download and commit a new firmware version to both partitions of flash memory.

To upgrade or restore the switch firmware:

1. Verify that the FTP service is running on the host workstation (or on a Windows machine).
2. Log in to the switch as the admin user.
3. Enter the following command at the command line (double-quotes are optional in 4.x firmware):

```
firmwaredownload "hostIPAddr", "user", "path_filename",  
"password"
```

- `hostIPAddr` is the IP address of the host computer.
- `user` is the User ID used to log in to this computer.
- `path_filename` is the path location and filename of the new firmware file.
- `password` is the password for the user ID specified. (Note: the password can be NULL)

4. Enter *Y* for yes to continue with the reboot, when prompted.

or

Enter the `firmwaredownload` command to be prompted for parameters.

**Example:** Displays a “prompted” firmware download.

```
switch:admin> firmwaredownload
Server Name or IP Address: 192.168.166.30
User Name: johndoe
File Name: /pub/dist/system.plist
Password: xxxxxxxx
Full Install (Otherwise upgrade only) [Y] :
Do Auto-Commit after Reboot [Y] :
Reboot system after download [N] :
Start to install packages.....
dir #####
terminfo #####
<output truncated>
glibc #####
sin #####
Write kernel image into flash.
file verification SUCCEEDED
Firmwaredownload completes successfully.
```

5. (Optional) Open another telnet session and enter the `firmwaredownloadstatus` command to monitor the `firmwaredownload` status.

The switch will reboot and start the `firmwarecommit` after the firmware is downloaded.

6. Enter the `firmwareshow` command after the switch reboots and the `firmwarecommit` finishes.

The firmware level is displayed for both partitions.

## Upgrading the Firmware on the Core Switch 2/64

**Note:** The procedure below only applies to upgrading firmware from versions v4.0.0d or later. When upgrading a Core Switch 2/64 that is running v4.0.0c or less, use the “[Downloading Firmware to a Single CP on a Core Switch 2/64](#)” on page 84, or call your service personnel.

The following firmware upgrade process is specific to the Core Switch 2/64.

The Core Switch 2/64 has four IP addresses: one for each switch (switch 0 and switch 1) and one for each of the two CPs (CP0 in slot 5 and CP1 in slot 6). When upgrading the firmware in the Core Switch 2/64, the firmwaredownload command will automatically load new firmware in to both the Active CP and Standby CP; this is the default behavior in v4.1, and no special actions are required.

To upgrade the firmware on a Core Switch 2/64:

1. Verify that the FTP service is running on the host workstation (or on a Windows machine).
2. Telnet in to the Core Switch 2/64 as the admin user.

### Example

```
switch:admin>
```

3. Telnet in to either logical switch 0 or 1.

### Example

```
Telnet 192.168.174.91
```

4. Enter the haShow command to determine which CP is the Active, and which is the Standby.

Also, confirm that the two CPs are in sync. CPs must be in synch to provide the non-disruptive download.

### Example:

```
switch:admin> hashow
Local CP (Slot 6, CP1): Active
Remote CP (Slot 5, CP0): Standby
HA Enabled, Heartbeat up, HA State is in Sync
```

This message will vary, depending on the operating system you are currently running.

Note, in this example the Active CP is CP1, and the Standby CP is CP0.

- Enter the `ipaddrshow` command to determine the IP address of the Active CP.

### Example

```
switch:admin> ipaddrshow
      Switch number [0 for switch0, 1 for switch1, 2 for CP0, 3 for CP1, 4
for all IP
      addresses in system]: 3
      CP1
      Ethernet IP Address: 192.168.186.196
      Ethernet Subnetmask: 255.255.255.0
      HostName : cp1
      Gateway Address: 192.168.186.1
switch:admin>
```

- Log in to the Active CP as the admin user.
- Enter the following at the command line (double-quotes are optional in 4.x firmware):

`firmwaredownload "hostIPAddr", "user", "path_filename",  
"password"`

- `hostIPAddr` is the IP address of the host computer.
- `user` is the User ID used to log in to this computer.
- `path_filename` is the path location and filename of the new firmware file.
- `password` is the password for the user ID specified. (Note: the password can be NULL)

or

Enter the `firmwaredownload` command to be prompted for parameters.

- Enter Y for yes to continue with the reboot, when prompted.

The firmware is downloaded onto both CPs, one at a time. During the process, the active CP is rebooted and existing services may be disrupted momentarily.

**Example:** Displays a "prompted" firmwaredownload

```
switch:admin> firmwaredownload
```

This command will upgrade both CPs in the switch. If you what to upgrade a single CP only, please use -s option.

You can run firmwareDownloadStatus from a telnet session to get the status of this command.

This command will cause the active CP to reset. This will cause disruption to devices attached to both switch 0 and switch 1 momentarily and will require that existing telnet sessions be restarted.

Do you want to continue [Y]: y

Server Name or IP Address: 192.168.174.91

User Name: johndoe

File Name: pub/betarelease/list

Password:

FirmwareDownload has started on Active CP. It may take up to 10 minutes.

Please use firmwareShow to see the firmware status.

```
switch:admin> firmwareshow
```

Local CP (Slot 6, CP1): Active

    Primary partition: v4.1

    Secondary Partition: v4.1

Remote CP (Slot 5, CP0): Standby

    Primary partition: v4.1

    Secondary Partition: v4.1

```
switch:admin>
```

9. Enter the `firmwareDownloadStatus` command in a new session to monitor the `firmwareDownload` status.

After the firmware is downloaded, a firmware commit is started on both CPs and both partitions.

10. Enter the `firmwareShow` command in a new telnet session to display the new firmware versions.

## Customizing the Firmware Download Process

The `firmwareDownload` command can be executed with options on the command line using the following format:

```
firmwareDownload -[option(s)]
```

Refer to the *HP StorageWorks Fabric OS Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide* for more information.

### Single CP Option

In the Core Switch 2/64 and the SAN Switch 2/32, single CP mode enables a user to upgrade a single CP and to select full-install, auto-reboot, and auto-commit.

Use the `-s` option to enable Single CP Mode.

### Auto-Reboot Option

After downloading firmware the system must be rebooted. If this option is not specified, the user must issue the `reboot` command manually in order to activate the downloaded image. If Auto-reboot mode is enabled, the switch reboots automatically after the `firmwareDownload` command has been run.

Use the `-b` option to enable auto-reboot mode.

### Auto-Commit Option

By default, after running `firmwareDownload` and after `reboot`, the switch will perform a `firmwareCommit` command automatically. When Auto-Commit Mode is disabled, the user needs to issue the `firmwareCommit` command manually to replicate the downloaded image from the primary partition to the secondary partition of a CP.

Use the `-n` option to chose to commit the firmware manually.

### Incremental Install Option

Fabric OS v4.1 is installed as a set of packages, each package containing a part of the software.

By default, `firmwareDownload` will do a full install of the whole firmware regardless of whether a package is already current or not. In Incremental Install Upgrade Mode, the names of packages are compared to what is already installed on the switch; only the packages that are different from those already stored or not on the switch yet are installed.

Use the `-i` option to do an incremental firmware download.

## Downloading Firmware to a Single CP on a Core Switch 2/64

Though it is possible to download firmware to one CP at a time, is not recommended. We recommend that both CPs be upgraded at the same time so they are consistent.

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**Note:** This is the procedure to follow if your Core Switch 2/64 is running version 4.0.0c or less.

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The following procedure enables single mode on aCore Switch 2/64 series switch. Single Mode allows a user to:

- Upgrade to a single CP on aCore Switch 2/64 switch
- Select a full-install, auto-reboot, and auto-commit (only the "`-s`" option is required on the command line).
- Upgrade a Core Switch 2/64 that is running v4.0.0c or less.

To enable Single Mode on a Core Switch 2/64:

1. Telnet in to the Core Switch 2/64 as admin.

### Example

```
switch:admin>
```

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**Note:** In this example, the Active CP is CP1, and the Standby CP is CP0.

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2. Execute the `hashow` command to determine which CP is the Active and which is the Standby.

## Example

```
switch:admin> hashow
Local CP (Slot 5, CP0): Active
Remote CP (Slot 6, CP1): Standby, Healthy
HA enabled, Heartbeat Up, HA State in sync
```

This message varies, depending on the version of firmware that is currently installed.

3. Telnet in to the Active CP.

## Example

```
Telnet 192.168.174.91
```

4. Use the `firmwaredownload -s` command to download a new version of the firmware to the Standby CP.

The `-s` option allows a user to upgrade to a single CP on a Core Switch 2/64 switch, select a full-install, auto-reboot, and auto-commit. Place a space between the command and the option.

## Example

```
switch: admin> firmwaredownload -s
Server Name or IP Address: 10.255.255.115
User Name:Admin
File Name:
Password:
Full Install (Otherwise upgrade only) [Y]: n
Do Auto Commit after reboot [Y]: y
Reboot system after download [N]: y
```

5. Enter the User name and the Host IP (ftp server).
6. Answer the prompts as they appear. The following are the recommended responses.
  - Answer Y (yes) to Full Install. Answering no to this prompt can cause problems with the CP.
  - Answer Y (yes) to Auto Commit if you want the firmware to be committed automatically after download. If you answer no, you must manually enter the `firmwarecommit` command.
  - Answer Y (yes) to reboot the system after download if you want to enable auto-reboot.

### Example

```
Full Install (Otherwise upgrade only) [Y]: y
Do Auto Commit after reboot [Y]: Y
Reboot system after download [N]: Y
```

7. Wait for the firmware download to complete. Use the `firmwareDownloadStatus` command in a new session to check the status.

### Example

```
FirmwareDownload has started on Active CP. It may take up to 10 minutes.
```

```
Please use firmwareShow to see the firmware status.
```

```
switch:admin> firmwareshow
Local CP (Slot 6, CP1): Active
    Primary partition:      v4.1
    Secondary Partition:   v4.1
Remote CP (Slot 5, CP0): Standby

    Primary partition:      v4.1
    Secondary Partition:   v4.1
switch:admin>
```

8. (Optional) Repeat the firmware download procedure on the second CP when the process is completed on the first CP.

## Upgrading the Firmware Using Web Tools

For more information about Web Tools, refer to the *HP StorageWorks Web Tools Version 3.1.x/4.1.x User Guide*.

Use the following procedure to load new firmware:

1. Launch the web browser.
2. Enter the name or IP address of the licensed switch in the browser's **Location/Address** field, and click **Enter**. For example:  
<http://111.222.33.1>  
Web Tools opens, displaying the Fabric View.
3. Select the switch icon to which you want to download new firmware. The Switch View displays.
4. Select the Admin button in the Switch View.
5. Log in as Admin, if you have not already done so.
6. Select the Upload/Download tab.
7. Select the Firmware Download radio button.
8. Check the **Reboot After Download** box to reboot the switch automatically after completion of the download.
9. Enter the User name, password, path/file name, and Host IP (ftp server) address.
10. Click **Apply**.
11. Note the progress of the firmware download on the Download/Upload Status bar. Status and Errors are reported in the window at the bottom of the Upload/Download tab.

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**Note:** The Switch Administration will temporarily lose the connection to the switch when the failover from one CP to another occurs in the firmware download process. The connection resumes as soon as the web server starts on the new active CP.

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**Note:** For more information on upgrading firmware using Web Tools, refer to the Administrative Interface section of the *HP StorageWorks Web Tools Version 3.1.x/4.1.x User Guide*.

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## Upgrading the Firmware Using the CLI

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**Note:** The following procedure does not apply to the SAN Switch 2/32 switch. For firmware information regarding the SAN Switch 2/32 switch, refer to “[Upgrading the Firmware on the SAN Switch 2/32](#)” on page 78

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Use this procedure to download and commit a new firmware version to both partitions of flash memory.

To upgrade or restore the switch firmware:

1. Verify that the RSHD service (on a UNIX machine) or the FTP service (on a Windows machine) is running on the host workstation.
2. Log into the switch as the admin user.
3. Enter the following command at the command line (each item must be included in double quotes):

```
firmwareDownload [ "host", "user", "file" [, "passwd"] ]
```

where:

<i>host</i>	A host server name or IP address; for example, “citadel” or “192.168.1.48”. The configuration file or pfile is downloaded from this host system. If this operand is not used, the pfile is considered to be accessible through a local directory. This operand is required.
<i>user</i>	A user name for FTP or RSHD server access; for example, “jdoe”. This user name is used to gain access to the host. This operand is required.
<i>file</i>	A path and file name; for example, “/pub/dist/v2.6.0”. Absolute path names may be specified using forward slash (/). Relative path names create the file in the user’s home directory on UNIX hosts, and in the directory where the FTP server is running on Windows hosts. This operand is required.
<i>passwd</i>	A password. This operand is required, but may be NULL.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Password Migration When Upgrading and Downgrading Firmware

**Q:** When the user upgrades to a newer firmware release for the first time, which passwords will be used?

**A:** When you upgrade from v4.0.x to v4.1 for the first time, the v4.0 passwords will be preserved.

**Q:** When the user upgrades to a newer firmware release at subsequent times, which passwords will be used?

**A:** When you upgrade from v4.0 to v4.1 for a second time and beyond the passwords that were used the last time in 4.1 are effective.

**Q:** When the user downgrades to an older firmware release for the first time, which passwords will be used?

**A:** When you downgrade from v4.1 to v4.0 default passwords should be used if v4.1 was already installed.

**Q:** When the user downgrades to an older firmware at subsequent times, which passwords will be used?

**A:** When you downgrade from v4.1 to v4.0, the previous passwords from v4.0 before the firmware upgrade to v4.1 should be used.

**Q:** Is the end-user forced to answer password prompts before gaining access to the firmware?

**A:** No. You can bypass the password prompting by using Ctrl+C or by pressing **Enter** after each prompt.



# 4

## Basic Security in FOS

This chapter provides information provides the following general fabric security information:

- [Ensuring a Secure Operating System](#), page 93
- [Secure Shell \(SSH\)](#), page 93
- [Disabling the Telnet Interface](#), page 95
- [Listeners](#), page 95
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## Overview

The following standard security information is specific to v4.1 firmware.

Standard security in FOS depends on account and password management. The information in this chapter discusses security that is available without Secure Fabric OS. For information regarding Secure Fabric OS, refer to the *HP StorageWorks Secure Fabric OS Version 1.0 User Guide*.

## New Features

### Ensuring a Secure Operating System

Fabric OS v4.1 uses Linux as the operating system in the switch. Therefore, securing the switch includes securing the underlying operating system as well.

Fabric OS uses the Berkeley r-commands facility to transfer data between control processors in the Core Switch 2/64 platform. The primary security concern is the use of the .rhosts file. All hosts listed in the .rhosts file are trusted, meaning they can log in to the switch without any authentication such as a password. The .rhosts file on the switch contains the IP address 10.0.0.5 and 10.0.0.6, which are the IP address of each CP in a Core Switch 2/64 chassis. To prevent the use of these facilities except from the internal network, an iptables firewall has been implemented. This firewall isolates the external network from internal network and does not allow execution of r-commands on the switch from external hosts. However, if you logged in to a switch of CP as root, you can issue r-commands to the other CP.

In addition, various proprietary protocols are also used over the internal CP-to-CP Ethernet. The internal Ethernet interface is considered a "trusted" interface over which arbitrary communications may occur. To address these security concerns, the internal Ethernet interfaces were disconnected from the public Ethernet interfaces.

A packet filter is used to isolate the internal Ethernet interface. The packet filter:

- Prevents routing of packets to and from internal network.
- Protects against spoofing of internal network addresses.
- The packet filter blocks all incoming packets from 10.0.0.0 to 10.0.0.255.
- Closes network services intended only for the internal network without changing the source code.

### Secure Shell (SSH)

An SSH (Secure Shell) is used to support encrypted telnet sessions to the switch (DES encryption is not supported). The default out-of-band Telnet mechanism for managing switches was deemed insecure because the passwords are sent over the wire in clear text. It is relatively easy for any network-connected system to sniff and reap these passwords for use in subsequent intrusions. In a complex enterprise network that aggregates device management into a backbone, it is difficult to

prevent, or even detect, these attempts to sniff passwords. Secure Shell (SSH), is an alternative to Telnet, and uses strong encryption to prevent password sniffing and enhance the privacy of the management link.

SSH encrypts all messages, including the client sending the password at login time. This is a significant improvement over the basic telnet and sectelnet, which encrypts only the login password. The SSH package contains a daemon (sshd) which runs on the switch, and is very similar to telnetd except that all messages are encrypted. The SSH daemon supports a wide variety of encryption algorithms, such as Data Encryption Standard (DES), AES, etc.

The daemon requires keys (public/private) for encryption. These keys are generated by a program called ssh-keygen when the openssh RPM is installed. The keys are saved to files in /etc directory and sshd will read them on startup.

#### Supported Versions and Features:

- officially support ssh2. ssh2 uses DSA key for authentication. The DSA authentication key is 1024 bits.
- The daemon will run under root identity.
- A user cannot save their public keys on the switch. A password is the only method of authentication.
- the following default ciphers for session encryption are supported: AES128-CBC, 3DES-CBC, Blowfish-CBC, Cast128-CBC, and RC4.
- the following HMACs are supported: HMAC-MD5, HMAC-SHA1, HMAC-SHA1-96, HMAC-MD5-96.

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**Note:** If you telnet to another machine, and then start a SSH session inside that telnet session, the telnet traffic is still in clear text and not secure.

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**Note:** The FTP protocol is not secure. When you FTP to or from the switch, the contents are in clear text. This includes the remote FTP server's login and password. This limitation affects the following commands: savecore, configupload, configdownload, and firmwaredownload.

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## Disabling the Telnet Interface

From a security standpoint, with the addition of SSH, the telnet interface is no longer necessary to manage the switch. Some customers may wish to disable telnet to prevent a user from passing cleartext passwords over the network when logging in to the switch. The `configure [telnetd]` command is provided to allow customers to disable the telnet interface. The default configuration of the switch will ship with telnet enabled.

For more information on the `configure` command, refer to the *HP StorageWorks Fabric OS Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide*.

1. Log in to the switch as Admin.
2. Enter `configure [telnetd]` at the command line.  
This configure command can be run with the switch enabled.
3. Press **Enter**.

The Telnet interface is disabled.

SNMP, HTTP, API, RSNMP, WSNMP, SES, and MS are managed through their respective policies when security is enabled. Refer to the *HP StorageWorks Secure Fabric OS Version 1.0 User Guide* for information.

## Listeners

In order to make the Fabric OS more secure, the principal has been adopted that the Linux subsystem should provide only the minimal necessary functionality required to implement supported features and capabilities.

### Removal of Unused Listeners

Changing the principal to provide the minimum Linux subsystem functionality required that a number of listeners be removed from this version of the Fabric OS.

Some listeners are required for CP to CP communications on the internal network of the Core Switch 2/64. These listeners are blocked on the Core Switch 2/64, and are not started on the SAN Switch 2/32.

**Table 5: Removed Listeners for the Core Switch 2/64 and SAN Switch 2/32**

Listener Name	Core Switch 2/64	SAN Switch 2/32
chargen	Do not start	Do not start
echo	Do not start	Do not start
daytime	Do not start	Do not start

**Table 5: Removed Listeners for the Core Switch 2/64 and SAN Switch 2/32**

Listener Name	Core Switch 2/64	SAN Switch 2/32
discard	Do not start	Do not start
ftp	Do not start	Do not start
rexec	Block with packet filter	Do not start
rsh	Block with packet filter	Do not start
rlogin	Block with packet filter	Do not start
time	Block with packet filter	Do not start
rstats	Do not start	Do not start
rusers	Do not start	Do not start

# Passwords

## About Passwords

There are four accounts for each switch instance. For a Core Switch 2/64, there are four accounts for switch instance 0, and four accounts for switch instance 1. The account names are the same for the both switch instances. For the SAN Switch 2/32, there are four accounts. Refer to [Table 6](#) and [Table 7](#).

All account names remain the same as Fabric OS v4.0: *root*, *factory*, *admin* and *user*.

At each account level, you can change passwords for that account and all accounts that have lesser privileges.

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**Note:** There is one exception to the password structure; an admin level user can change the root password by entering `passwd "root"`. They must also know the old root password.

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### Password Levels

There are four levels of account access:

- *root* - not recommended
- *factory* - not recommended
- *admin* - recommended for administrative operations
- *user* - recommended for non-administrative operations

Therefore, if you are logged in as admin, you can change the passwords for both admin and user (see noted exception).

**Table 6: SAN Switch 2/32 Password Accounts**

One logical Switch	<i>root</i>	one password	
	<i>factory</i>	one password	
	<i>admin</i>	one password	
	<i>user</i>	one password	

The Core Switch 2/64 switch has two logical switches, each logical switch has its own set of four passwords.

**Table 7: Core Switch 2/64 Password Accounts**

Single Core Switch 2/64			
Logical Switch 0	root	one password	One Set of Passwords
	factory	one password	
	user	one password	
	admin	one password	
CPs			One Set of Passwords
Logical Switch 1	root	one password	One Set of Passwords
	factory	one password	
	user	one password	
	admin	one password	

**Note:** Record your passwords and store in a secure place, as recovering passwords may require significant effort.

## Default Fabric and Switch Accessibility

### Hosts:

- Any host can access the fabric by SNMP
- Any host can telnet to any switch in the fabric
- Any host can establish an HTTP connection to any switch in the fabric
- Any host can establish an API connection to any switch in the fabric

### Devices:

- All device ports can access SES
- All devices can access the management server
- Any device can connect to any FC port in the fabric

### Switch Access:

- Any switch can join the fabric

- All switches in the fabric can be accessed through serial port
- All switches in the fabric that have front panels (some of the 2000 series) can be accessed through front panel

**Zoning:**

- Node WWNs can be used for WWN-based zoning

## Managing Passwords

### Modifying a Password

There are four levels of account access. See “[About Passwords](#)” on page 97. To exit the password command without completing the prompts, click **CTRL+C**.

1. Create a CLI connection to the switch.
2. Log in using the account for which you want to change the password.  
At each account level, you can change passwords for that account and all accounts that have lesser privileges. See “[About Passwords](#)” on page 97.
3. Enter the **passwd** command and enter the requested information at the prompts.

You must enter the current password for the first account. Passwords do not have to contain upper/lower/non-alphanumeric characters.

*If you are using Secure Fabric OS, new passwords are saved and distributed to all the switches in the fabric.*

**Example:**

```
cp0 login: admin
Password:
sec51_switch0:admin> passwd
Changing password for admin
Enter old password:
Enter new password:
Re-type new password:
Changing password for user
Enter new password:
Re-type new password:
```

4. Repeat for all switches in the fabric.

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**Note:** You cannot change account login names in Standard or Secure Mode.

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## Setting Recovery Passwords

### About Boot Prom Passwords

Fabric OS v4.1 provides the option of setting the Boot PROM and Recovery passwords. This option does not apply to Fabric OS v3.1 or v2.6.1.

The Boot PROM and Recovery passwords provide an additional layer of security beyond the Root password.

- Setting a Boot PROM password protects the boot prompt from unauthorized use.
- Setting a Recovery password turns on the password recovery option, which requires a user to contact Technical Support before recovering a Root or Boot PROM password.

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**Note:** Setting both the Boot PROM and Recovery passwords on all switches running Fabric OS v4.1 is strongly recommended. Not setting either of these passwords can compromise fabric security.

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## Setting Both the Boot PROM and the Recovery Passwords (SAN Switch 2/32)

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**Note:** Setting the Boot PROM and Recovery passwords requires accessing the boot prompt, which stops traffic flow through the switch until the switch is rebooted.

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1. Connect to the serial port interface as described in [Step 1 of “Setting the Boot PROM Password Only \(SAN Switch 2/32\)” on page 102](#).
2. Reboot the switch.
3. Press **ESC** within four seconds after the message “Press escape within 4 seconds...” displays.

The following options are available:

- 1) Start system.
- 2) Recovery password.
- 3) Enter command shell.
4. Enter “2” at the prompt to set the Recovery password.  
The following message displays: “Recovery password is NOT set. Please set it now.”
5. Enter the Recovery password.  
The Recovery password must be between 8 and 40 alphanumeric characters. A random password that is 15 characters or longer is recommended for higher security. The firmware only prompts for this password once. It is not necessary to remember the Recovery password.  
The prompt for the Boot PROM password displays: “New password:”.  
6. Enter the Boot PROM password, then re-enter when prompted.  
Record this password for future use.  
The new passwords are automatically saved (`saveenv` command not required).  
7. Reboot the switch.  
Traffic flow resumes when the switch finishes rebooting.

## Setting Both the Boot PROM and Recovery Passwords (Core Switch 2/64)

The Boot PROM and Recovery passwords must be set for each CP card on a Core Switch 2/64 switch.

1. Connect to the serial port interface on the standby CP card, as described in step 1 of “[Setting Both the Boot PROM and Recovery Passwords \(Core Switch 2/64\)](#)” on page 101.
2. Log in to the active CP card by serial or telnet and enter the `hadisable` command to prevent failover during the remaining steps.
3. Reboot the Standby CP card by pressing the yellow ejector buttons at top and bottom of the CP card, then pressing both ejector handles back towards the switch to lock the card back into the slot.
4. Press **ESC** within four seconds after the message `Press escape within 4 seconds...` displays.

The following options are available:

- 1) Start system.
- 2) Recovery password.

- 3) Enter command shell.
5. Enter “2” at the prompt to set the Recovery password.  
The following message displays: “Recovery password is NOT set. Please set it now.”
6. Enter the Recovery password.  
The Recovery password must be between 8 and 40 alphanumeric characters. A random password that is 15 characters or longer is recommended for higher security. The firmware only prompts for this password once. It is not necessary to record the Recovery password.  
The following prompt displays: `New password:`
7. Enter the Boot PROM password, then re-enter when prompted.  
Record this password for future use.  
The new passwords are automatically saved (`saveenv` command not required).
8. Failover the active CP card by entering the `hafailover` command.  
Traffic flow through the active CP card resumes when the failover is complete.
9. Connect the serial cable to the serial port on the new standby CP card (previous active CP card).
10. Repeat [step 2](#) through [step 7](#) for the new standby CP card (each CP card has a separate Boot PROM password).
11. Log in to the active CP card by serial or telnet and enter the `haenable` command to restore high availability.

## **Setting the Boot PROM Password Only (SAN Switch 2/32)**

The option of setting the Boot PROM password only is available on a SAN Switch 2/32 and Core Switch 2/64, but is not recommended. See “[Setting Both the Boot PROM and the Recovery Passwords \(SAN Switch 2/32\)](#)” on page 100.

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**Note:** Setting the Boot PROM password requires accessing the boot prompt, which stops traffic flow through the switch until the switch is rebooted.

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1. Create a serial connection to the switch. If Secure Mode is enabled, connect to the Primary FCS switch. If the switch does not have a serial port, contact Technical Support.
  - a. Connect the serial cable to the serial port on the switch and to an RS-232 serial port on the workstation.  
If the serial port on the workstation is RJ-45 instead of RS-232, remove the adapter on the end of the serial cable and insert the exposed RJ-45 connector into the RJ-45 serial port on the workstation.
  - b. Disable any serial communication programs running on the workstation.
  - c. Open a terminal emulator application (such as HyperTerminal on a PC, or TERM or Kermit in a Unix environment), and configure the application as follows:

In a Windows 95, 98, 2000, or NT environment:

Parameter	Value
Bits per second:	9600
Databits:	8
Parity:	None
Stop bits:	1
Flow control:	None

In a UNIX environment, enter the following string at the prompt:

`tip /dev/ttysb -9600`

2. Reboot the switch by entering the `reboot` command.
3. Press **ESC** within four seconds after the message `Press escape within 4 seconds...` displays.

The following options are available:

- 1) Start system.
- 2) Recovery password.
- 3) Enter command shell.
4. Enter “3” at the prompt to enter the command shell.

5. Enter `passwd` command at the prompt.

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**Note:** This command is specific to the Boot PROM password when entered from the boot interface.

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6. Enter the Boot PROM password at the prompt, then re-enter when prompted. The password must be 8 alphanumeric characters (any additional characters are not recorded).
7. Record this password for future use.
8. Enter the `saveenv` command to save the new password.
9. Reboot the switch by entering the `reset` command.  
Traffic flow resumes when the switch finishes rebooting.

## Setting the Boot PROM Password Only (Core Switch 2/64)

The option of setting the Boot PROM password only is available on a SAN Switch 2/32 and Core Switch 2/64, but is not recommended. See “[Setting Both the Boot PROM and Recovery Passwords \(Core Switch 2/64\)](#)” on page 101.

On the Core Switch 2/64, the suggested procedure is to set the password on the Standby CP, then failover; then set the password on the previously Active (now Standby) CP to minimize disruption to fabric.

The Boot PROM and Recovery passwords must be set for each CP card on a Core Switch 2/64 switch.

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**Note:** Setting the Boot PROM password requires accessing the boot prompt, which stops traffic flow through the switch until the switch is rebooted.

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1. Determine the active CP card by opening a telnet session to either CP card, logging in as Admin, and entering the `hashow` command.
2. Log in to the active CP card by serial or telnet and enter the `hadisable` command to prevent failover during the remaining steps.
3. Create a serial connection to the standby CP card as described in “[Setting the Boot PROM Password Only \(SAN Switch 2/32\)](#)” on page 102.

4. Reboot the standby CP card by pressing the yellow ejector buttons at top and bottom of the CP card, then pressing both ejector handles back towards the switch to lock the card back into the slot. This causes the card to reset.
5. Press **ESC** within four seconds after the message `Press escape within 4 seconds...` displays.

The following options are available:

- 1) Start system.
- 2) Recovery password.
- 3) Enter command shell.
6. Enter “3” at the prompt to enter the command shell.
7. Enter `passwd` command at the prompt.

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**Note:** This command is specific to the Boot PROM password when entered from the boot interface.

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8. Enter the Boot PROM password at the prompt, then re-enter when prompted. The password must be 8 alphanumeric characters (any additional characters are not recorded).
9. Record this password for future use.
10. Enter the `saveenv` command to save the new password.
11. Reboot the standby CP card by entering the `reset` command.
12. Failover the active CP card by opening a telnet session to the Active CP card, logging in as Admin, and entering the `hafailover` command.  
Traffic resumes flowing through the newly active CP card once it has completed rebooting.
13. Connect the serial cable to the serial port on the new standby CP card (previous active CP card).
14. Repeat **step 3** through **step 11** for the new standby CP card (each CP card has a separate Boot PROM password).
15. Log in to the active CP card by serial or telnet and enter the `haenable` command to restore high availability.

## About Forgotten Passwords

Passwords can be recovered as follows:

- If the User, Admin, or Factory passwords are lost, but the Root password is known, follow the steps described in “[Recovering a User, Admin, or Factory Password](#)” on page 106.
- If the Root or Boot PROM password is lost, contact Technical Support.

## Recovering a User, Admin, or Factory Password

The User, Admin, and Factory passwords can be recovered if the Root password is known. The following procedure applies to all switch types and Fabric OS versions.

1. Open a CLI connection (serial or telnet) to the switch. If the Secure Mode of the Secure Fabric OS feature is enabled, connect to the Primary FCS switch.
2. Log in as Root.
3. Enter the command corresponding to the type of password lost:
  - passwd user
  - passwd admin
  - passwd factory
4. Enter the requested information at the prompts.

## Recovering a Forgotten Root or Boot PROM Password

To recover a lost Boot PROM password, contact Technical Support.

## Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How many characters can a password have?

A: Passwords can be a minimum of 8 characters and a maximum of 40 characters. The password must contain two of the following classes: upper and lower case letters, digits, and non-alphanumeric characters.

Q: Do new passwords have to be set to something different than the old password or the default password?

A: Yes

Q: Does the end-user have to know the old password when changing passwords using the passwd command?

A: The end-user is prompted to use the old password when the account is being changed or has the same or higher privilege than the login account. For example, if the login account is admin, the old admin password is required to change the admin password. But, the old user password is not required for the admin account to change the user account password except when it is initially changed.

Q: Can the passwd command change higher-level passwords? For example, can admin level change root level passwords?

A: Yes. If end-users login as admin, the end-user can change root, factory, and admin passwords. However, if you login as user you can only change the user password. To change a higher level account, it is necessary to provide the highlevel account old password to change the old account password.

Q: Can Web Tools change passwords?

A: No

Q: Can SNMP change passwords?

A: No

Q: When is the end-user prompted to change the password?

A: When you first login as root, factory, or admin you will be prompted to change the password, if the password is still default. Accounts with non-default passwords will not be prompted.

Q: Do users need to know the old root password when answering prompting?

A: No

Q: Is the password prompting disabled when security mode is enabled?

A: Yes



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# Working With the Core Switch 2/64

This chapter provides information on working with the Core Switch 2/64. For detailed information about the Core Switch 2/64 refer to the Core Switch 2/64 installation guide (the installation guide is also available on the v3.1.x or v4.1.x Software CD).

- [Ports on the Core Switch 2/64](#), page 110
- [Basic Blade Management](#), page 115
- [Core Switch 2/64 Chassis](#), page 118
- [Blade Beacon Mode](#), page 123

## Ports on the Core Switch 2/64

In previous versions of the Fabric OS (v2.x and v3.x), the primary method for identifying a port within the fabric was the "domain, port" combination.

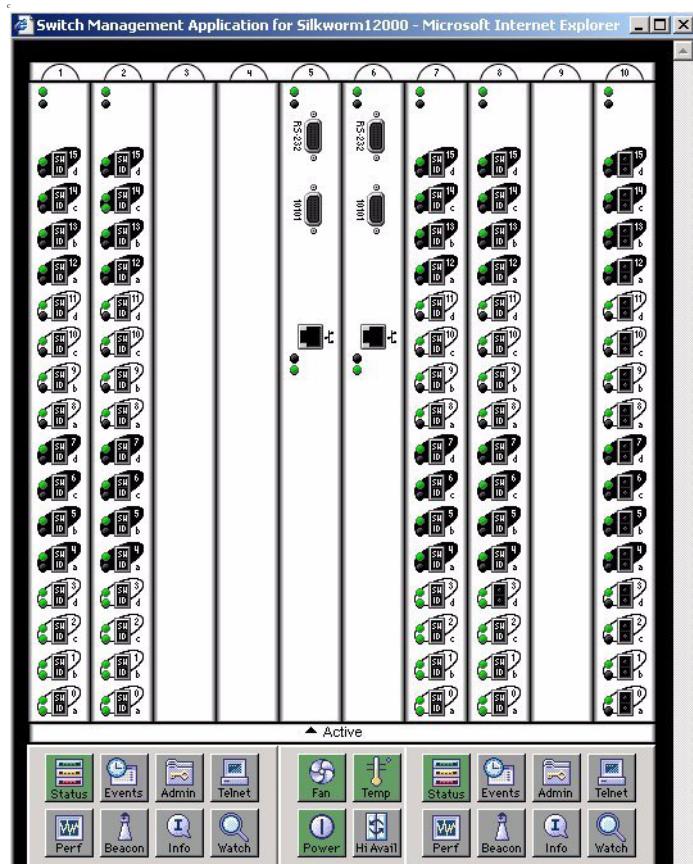
The following example shows the `zoneadd` command where a port is identified using the domain, and port number.

### Example

```
switch:admin> portdisable 2/4
```

The former method of specifying a particular port cannot be used in the Core Switch 2/64 because of the addition of slots and variable number of ports within a domain. It was replaced in Fabric OS v4.0 by two methods to specify a particular port:

- The slot/port method
- The port area number method. The port area method is only used when implementing zoning commands.



**Figure 1: Graphic Illustration of Core Switch 2/64**

## About the Slot/Port Method

A new method of selecting ports is required in the Core Switch 2/64. To select a specific port you must identify both the slot number and port number you are working with.

When specifying a particular slot and port for a command, the slot number operand must be followed by the slash (/), and then a value for the port number. The following example shows how to enable port 4 on a switch blade in slot 2.

### Example

```
switch:admin> portenable 2/4
```

**Note:** No spaces are allowed between the slot number, the slash (/), and the port number.

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The Core Switch 2/64 has a total of 10 slots counted 1 to 10. Refer to [Figure 1](#).

- Slots number 5 and 6 are control processor cards
- Slots 1 through 4 and 7 through 10 are switch cards.
- On each switch card, there are 16 ports counted from the bottom 0 to 15. A particular port must be represented by both slot number (1 through 10) and port number (0 through 15).

The Core Switch 2/64 is divided into two logical switches, where slots 1 through 4 are logical switch 0 and slots 7 through 10 are logical switch 1. Typically you must be logged in to the logical switch that represents the slot where you want to execute a command.

## About the Port Area Number Method

Some commands, such as the Zoning commands require you to specify ports using the Area Number method. In the Fabric OS v4x, each port on a particular domain is given a unique Area ID.

The Core Switch 2/64 chassis contains two logical switches. The Area IDs for both logical 64-port switches range from 0 to 63. This means that both logical switch 0 and logical switch 1 have a port that is referenced with Area ID 0.

An Area ID for each port is unique inside each logical switch (that is, each assigned domain ID). These are two of the three parts of a 24-bit Fibre Channel Address ID: 8-bit Domain ID, 8-bit Area ID, 8-bit Port ID.

Use the **switchshow** command to display all ports on the current (logical) switch and their corresponding Area IDs.

## Determining the Area Number (ID) of a Port

To determine the Area ID of a particular port:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the **switchshow** command at the command line. This command displays all ports on the current (logical) switch and their corresponding Area IDs.

## Example

```
switch:admin> switchshow
switchName:      switch
switchType:      10.1
switchState:     Online
switchRole:      Subordinate
switchDomain:    97
switchId:        fffc61
switchWwn:       10:00:00:60:69:80:04:5a
switchBeacon:    OFF
blade1 Beacon:  OFF
blade3 Beacon:  OFF

Area Slot Port Gbic Speed State
=====
 0    1    0   id    N2    No_Light
 1    1    1   id    N2    No_Light
 2    1    2   --    N2    No_Module
 3    1    3   id    N2    Online    E-Port  10:00:00:60:69:80:04:5b "ulys62"
(Trunk master)
 4    1    4   id    N2    No_Light
 5    1    5   id    N2    Online    E-Port  10:00:00:60:69:00:54:e9 "san78" (up
stream) (Trunk master)
 6    1    6   id    N2    No_Light
 7    1    7   id    N2    No_Light
 8    1    8   --    N2    No_Module
 9    1    9   id    N2    No_Light
10    1   10   id    N2    Online    E-Port  10:00:00:60:69:90:02:5e "sqad120" (
Trunk master)
```

```
11    1   11   --   N2   No_Module
12    1   12   id   N2   No_Light
13    1   13   --   N2   No_Module
14    1   14   id   N1   Online   F-Port  21:00:00:e0:8b:03:70:b1
15    1   15   id   N2   Online   E-Port  10:00:00:60:69:90:02:5e "sqad120" (Trunk master)
32    3   0    id   N2   No_Light
33    3   1    --   N2   No_Module
34    3   2    id   N2   Online   Loopback->Slot 3 Port 2
35    3   3    id   N2   No_Light
36    3   4    id   N2   No_Light
37    3   5    id   N2   Online   E-Port  10:00:00:60:69:00:54:ea "san79" (Trunk master)
38    3   6    id   N2   No_Light
39    3   7    id   N2   No_Light
40    3   8    id   N2   Online   E-Port  (Trunk port, master is Slot 3 Port 9)
41    3   9    id   N2   Online   E-Port  10:00:00:60:69:80:04:5b "ulyss62" (Trunk master)
42    3   10   id   N2   Online   E-Port  (Trunk port, master is Slot 3 Port 9)
43    3   11   id   N2   Online   E-Port  (Trunk port, master is Slot 3 Port 9)
44    3   12   id   N2   No_Light
45    3   13   id   N2   No_Light
46    3   14   id   N2   No_Light
47    3   15   id   N2   No_Light
switch:admin>
```

## Basic Blade Management

For the purposes of this section, Basic Blade Management refers to:

- [Disabling a Blade](#) on page 115
- [Enabling a Blade](#) on page 116
- [Powering On a Blade](#) on page 116
- [Powering Off a Blade](#) on page 116
- [Displaying the Status of All Slots in the Chassis](#) on page 118
- [Displaying Information on Switch FRUs](#) on page 119
- [Setting the Blade Beacon Mode](#) on page 123

### Disabling a Blade

The ability to disable a blade might be needed to perform diagnostics. When diagnostics are executed manually (from the Fabric OS command line), many commands require the blade to be in an offline state. This ensures that the activity of the diagnostic does not interfere or disturb normal fabric traffic. If the blade is not in an offline state (`bladedisable`), the `diagnostic` command will not run and display an error message.

To disable a blade:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. At the command line enter the `slotoff` command with the following syntax:

`slotoff slotnumber`

where `slotnumber` is the slot number of the blade you want to disable.

#### Example

```
switch:admin> slotoff 3
```

```
Slot 3 is being disabled
```

```
switch:admin>
```

## Enabling a Blade

To enable a blade unit.

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `sloton` command with the following syntax the command line:  
`sloton slotnumber`  
where `slotnumber` is the slot number of the blade you want to enable.

### Example

```
switch:admin> sloton 3

Slot 3 is being enabled
switch:admin>
```

## Powering On a Blade

To provide power to a blade:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `slotpoweron` command with the following syntax the command line:

`slotpoweron slotnumber`

where `slotnumber` is the slot number of the blade you want to power on.

### Example

```
switch:admin> slotpoweron 3

Powering on slot 3
switch:admin>
```

## Powering Off a Blade

To power off a blade unit:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `slotoff` command.

The blade must be disabled so that processing stops. Refer to “[Disabling a Blade](#)” on page 115.

3. Enter the `slotpoweroff` command with the following syntax at the command line:

`slotpoweroff slotnumber`

where `slotnumber` is the slot number of the blade you want to power off.

**Example**

```
switch:admin> slotpoweroff 3

Slot 3 is being powered off
switch:admin>
```

## Core Switch 2/64 Chassis

Chassis-wide commands display or control both logical switches.

### Displaying the Status of All Slots in the Chassis

To display the status of slots in the chassis:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `slotshow` command at the command line. This command displays the current status of each slot in the system. The format of the display includes a header and four fields for each slot. The fields and their possible values are as follows:

Slot	Displays the physical slot number.
Blade Type	Displays the blade type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ SW BLADE The blade is a Switch.</li><li>■ CP BLADE The blade is a Control Processor.</li><li>■ UNKNOWN Blade not present or its type is not recognized.</li></ul>
ID	Displays the hardware ID of the blade type.
Status	Displays the status of the blade: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ VACANT The slot is empty.</li><li>■ INSERTED, NOT POWERED ON The blade is present in the slot but is turned off.</li><li>■ DIAG RUNNING POST1 The blade is present, powered on, and running the post initialization power on self tests.</li><li>■ DIAG RUNNING POST2 The blade is present, powered on, and running the POST (power on self tests).</li><li>■ ENABLED The blade is on and enabled.</li></ul>

- **DISABLED**  
The blade is powered on but disabled.
- **FAULTY**  
The blade is faulty because an error was detected.
- **UNKNOWN**  
The blade is inserted but its state cannot be determined.

```
switch:admin> slotshow
```

Slot	Blade Type	ID	Status
<hr/>			
1	SW BLADE	2	ENABLED
2	UNKNOWN		VACANT
3	SW BLADE	2	ENABLED
4	UNKNOWN		VACANT
5	CP BLADE	1	ENABLED
6	CP BLADE	1	ENABLED
7	UNKNOWN		VACANT
8	SW BLADE	2	ENABLED
9	SW BLADE	2	ENABLED
10	SW BLADE	2	ENABLED

```
switch:admin>
```

For complete information about switch FRUs, refer to the Core Switch 2/64 installation guide (the installation guide is also available on the v3.1.x or v4.1.x Software CD).

## Displaying Information on Switch FRUs

To view switch FRU information for a switch:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `chassisshow` command at the command line. This command displays the field replaceable unit (FRU) header content for each object in the chassis. This command returns information for each FRU including:

- Object ID and object number. Valid values include the following: CHASSIS, FAN, POWER SUPPLY, SW BLADE (switch), CP BLADE (control processor), WWN, or UNKNOWN. The object number refers to the slot number for blades, and unit number for everything else.
- FRU header version number.
- The object's power consumption, positive for power supplies, negative for consumers.
- part number (up to 14 characters).
- serial number (up to 12 characters).
- The date the FRU was manufactured.
- The date the FRU header was last updated.
- The cumulative time, in days, that the FRU has been powered on.
- The current time, in days, since the FRU was last powered on.
- The externally supplied ID (up to 10 characters).
- The externally supplied part number (up to 20 characters).
- The externally supplied serial number (up to 20 characters).
- The externally supplied revision number (up to 4 characters).

## Example

```
switch:admin> chassisshow

SW BLADE Slot: 1
Header Version: 2
Power Consume Factor: -180
Brocade Part Num: 65-0000555-04
Brocade Serial Num: FQ000000000
Manufacture: Day: 5 Month: 9 Year: 2001
Update: Day: 18 Month: 9 Year: 2002
Time Alive: 228 days
Time Awake: 0 days

SW BLADE Slot: 3
Header Version: 2
Power Consume Factor: -180
Brocade Part Num: 65-0000555-04
Brocade Serial Num: FQ000000000
Manufacture: Day: 10 Month: 9 Year: 2001
Update: Day: 18 Month: 9 Year: 2002
Time Alive: 218 days
Time Awake: 0 days

CP BLADE Slot: 5
Header Version: 2
Power Consume Factor: -40
Brocade Part Num: 65-0000555-04
Brocade Serial Num: FQ000000000
Manufacture: Day: 3 Month: 5 Year: 2002
Update: Day: 18 Month: 9 Year: 2002
Time Alive: 51 days
Time Awake: 0 days

CP BLADE Slot: 6
Header Version: 2
```

```
Power Consume Factor: -40
Brocade Part Num: 65-0000555-04
Brocade Serial Num: FQ0000000000
Manufacture: Day: 26 Month: 1 Year: 2002
Update: Day: 18 Month: 9 Year: 2002
Time Alive: 131 days
Time Awake: 0 days

SW BLADE Slot: 8
Header Version: 2
Power Consume Factor: -180
Brocade Part Num: 65-0000555-04
Brocade Serial Num: FQ0000000000
Manufacture: Day: 22 Month: 9 Year: 2001
Update: Day: 18 Month: 9 Year: 2002
Time Alive: 217 days
Time Awake: 0 days

<output truncated>
```

## Blade Beacon Mode

When beaconing mode is enabled, the port LEDs will flash amber in a running pattern from port 0 through port 15 and back again. The pattern continues until the user turns it off. This can be used to signal the user to a particular blade.

### Setting the Blade Beacon Mode

To set the blade beacon mode on:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `bladebeacon` command with the following syntax at the command line:

`bladebeacon slotnumber, mode`

where `slotnumber` is the blade where you want to enable beacon mode. 1 turns beaconing mode on, or 0 turns beaconing mode off.

#### Example

```
switch:admin> bladebeacon 3, 1  
switch:admin>
```



# The SAN Management Application

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This chapter provides the following information:

- [The Management Server](#) on page 126
- [Configuring Access to the Management Server](#) on page 128
- [Displaying the Management Server Database](#) on page 133
- [Clearing the Management Server Database](#) on page 134
- [Activating the Platform Management Service](#) on page 135
- [Deactivating the Platform Management Service](#) on page 136
- [Controlling the Topology Discovery](#) on page 137

## The Management Server

This chapter provides information on working with the Management Server (MS) platform database.

The Fabric Operating System (Fabric OS) includes a Distributed Management Server. The Management Server allows a Storage Area Network (SAN) management application to retrieve information and administer the fabric and interconnected elements, such as switches, servers, and storage devices. The MS is located at the Fibre Channel well-known address, FFFFFAh.

The implementation of the Management Server (MS) provides two management services:

- Fabric Configuration Service - Provides basic configuration management for topology information (referred to as Topology Discovery). This service can be in the switch or an Nx\_Port connected to the fabric.
- Unzoned Name Server access - Provides a management view of the Name Server information for all devices in a fabric, regardless of the active zone set.

The services provided by the MS assist in the auto-discovery of switch-based fabrics and their associated topology. A client of the MS can determine basic information regarding the switches that comprise the fabric and use this information to construct topology relationships. In addition, the basic configuration services provided by the management server allow certain attributes associated with switches to be obtained and in some cases, modified. For example, logical names identifying switches may be registered with the Management Server.

## Benefits

The MS allows for the discovery of the physical and logical topology that comprises a Fibre Channel SAN. The MS provides several advantages for managing a Fibre Channel fabric:

- It is accessed by an external Fibre Channel node at the well-known address xFFFFFA.
- It is replicated on every SilkWorm switch within a fabric (for Fabric OS v2.3 and later).
- It provides an unzoned view of the overall fabric configuration.

Because the MS is accessed via its well-known address, an application can access the entire fabric management information with minimal knowledge of the existing configuration. The fabric topology view exposes the internal configuration of a

fabric for management purposes; it contains interconnect information about switches and devices connected to the fabric. Under normal optional circumstances, a device (typically an FCP initiator) queries the Name Server for storage devices within its member zones. Because this limited view is not always sufficient, the MS provides the application with a list of the entire Namer Server database.

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**Note:** Management Server Platform service is available only with Fabric OS V2.3 and later. If the Management Server Platform service is started on a fabric with any switches of 2.2.x or earlier, the fabric will be segmented.

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## Configuring Access to the Management Server

An Access Control List (ACL) of WWN addresses determines which systems have access to the Management Server database. If the list is empty (default), the Management Server is accessible to all systems connected in-band to the Fabric. For a more secured access, an administrator may specify WWNs in the ACL. These WWNs are usually associated with the management applications. If any WWNs are entered into the ACL, then access to the Management Server is restricted to only those WWNs listed in the ACL.

### Displaying the Access Control List

To display the Management Server ACL:

1. Login to the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `msconfigure` command at the command line. The command becomes interactive.
3. At the select prompt enter 1 to display the access list.

A list of WWNs that have access to the Management Server are displayed.

Example:

```
switch:admin> msconfigure

0      Done
1      Display the access list
2      Add member based on its Port/Node WWN
3      Delete member based on its Port/Node WWN

select : (0..3) [1] 0

done ...
switch:admin>
```

### Adding a WWN to the Access Control List

To add a WWN to the ACL:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.

2. At the command line enter the msconfigure command. The command becomes interactive.
3. At the select prompt enter 2 to add a member based on its Port/Node WWN.
4. At the prompt enter the WWN of the member you would like to add to the ACL. Press the **Return** key, and the main menu is displayed.
5. At the prompt enter 1 to verify the WWN you entered was added to the ACL.
6. Once you have verified that the WWN was added correctly, enter 0 at the prompt to end the session.
7. At the “Update the FLASH?” prompt enter Y.
8. Press Enter to update the flash and end the session.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> msconfigure

0      Done
1      Display the access list
2      Add member based on its Port/Node WWN
3      Delete member based on its Port/Node WWN
select : (0..3) [1] 2

Port/Node WWN (in hex): [00:00:00:00:00:00:00:00]
*WWN is successfully added to the MS ACL.

0      Done
1      Display the access list
2      Add member based on its Port/Node WWN
3      Delete member based on its Port/Node WWN
select : (0..3) [2] 1
```

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```
MS Access List consists of (13): {  
    20:00:00:20:37:65:ce:aa  
    20:00:00:20:37:65:ce:bb  
    20:00:00:20:37:65:ce:ff  
    20:00:00:20:37:65:ce:11  
    20:00:00:20:37:65:ce:22  
    20:00:00:20:37:65:ce:33  
    10:00:00:60:69:04:11:24  
    10:00:00:60:69:04:11:23  
    21:00:00:e0:8b:04:70:3b  
    10:00:00:60:69:04:11:33  
    20:00:00:20:37:65:ce:55  
    20:00:00:20:37:65:ce:66  
    00:00:00:00:00:00:00:00  
}  
  
0      Done  
1      Display the access list  
2      Add member based on its Port/Node WWN  
3      Delete member based on its Port/Node WWN  
select : (0..3) [1] 0  
  
done ...  
Update the FLASH? (yes, y, no, n): [yes] y  
*Successfully saved the MS ACL to the flash.  
  
switch:admin>
```

## **Deleting a WWN from the Access Control List**

To delete a WWN from the ACL:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the **msconfigure** command at the command line. The command becomes interactive.

3. At the select prompt enter 3 to delete a member based on its Port/Node WWN.
4. At the prompt enter the WWN of the member you would like to delete from the ACL. Press the **Return** key, and the main menu is displayed.
5. At the prompt enter 1 to verify the WWN you entered was deleted from the ACL.
6. Once you have verified that the WWN was deleted correctly, enter 0 at the prompt to end the session.
7. At the Update the FLASH? prompt enter Y.
8. Press Enter to update the flash and end the session.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> msconfigure

0      Done
1      Display the access list
2      Add member based on its Port/Node WWN
3      Delete member based on its Port/Node WWN
select : (0..3) [1] 2

Port/Node WWN (in hex): [00:00:00:00:00:00:00:00]
*WWN is successfully added to the MS ACL.
```

```
0      Done
1      Display the access list
2      Add member based on its Port/Node WWN
3      Delete member based on its Port/Node WWN
select : (0..3) [2] 1
```

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```
MS Access List consists of (13): {  
20:00:00:20:37:65:ce:aa  
20:00:00:20:37:65:ce:bb  
20:00:00:20:37:65:ce:ff  
20:00:00:20:37:65:ce:11  
20:00:00:20:37:65:ce:22  
20:00:00:20:37:65:ce:33  
10:00:00:60:69:04:11:24  
10:00:00:60:69:04:11:23  
21:00:00:e0:8b:04:70:3b  
10:00:00:60:69:04:11:33  
20:00:00:20:37:65:ce:55  
20:00:00:20:37:65:ce:66  
00:00:00:00:00:00:00:  
}
```

```
0      Done  
1      Display the access list  
2      Add member based on its Port/Node WWN  
3      Delete member based on its Port/Node WWN  
select : (0..3) [1] 0
```

done ...

Update the FLASH? (yes, y, no, n): [yes] y

\*Successfully saved the MS ACL to the flash.

```
switch:admin>
```

## Displaying the Management Server Database

To view the contents of the Management Server Platform Database:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. At the command line enter the msplatshow command. The contents of the Management Server Database are displayed.

### Example:

```
switch:admin> msplatshow
-----
Platform Name: [9] "first obj"
Platform Type: 5 : GATEWAY
Number of Associated M.A.: 1
[35] "http://java.sun.com/products/plugin"
Number of Associated Node Names: 1
Associated Node Names:
10:00:00:60:69:20:15:71
-----
Platform Name: [10] "second obj"
Platform Type: 7 : HOST_BUS_ADAPTER
Number of Associated M.A.: 1
Associated Management Addresses:
[30] "http://java.sun.com/products/1"
Number of Associated Node Names: 2
Associated Node Names:
10:00:00:60:69:20:15:75
```

## Clearing the Management Server Database

To clear the MS Platform database:

1. Login to the switch as the admin user.
2. At the command line enter the `msplclearedb` command.
3. Enter Y to confirm the deletion. The Platform database is cleared.

## Activating the Platform Management Service

To activate the Platform Management Service for a fabric, perform the following steps.

1. Login to the switch as the admin user.
2. At the command line enter the msplmgmtactivate command.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> msplmgmtactivate

Activating Platform Management Service in the Fabric is in progress.....
*Completed activating Platform Management Service in the fabric!

switch:admin>
```

## Deactivating the Platform Management Service

To deactivate the Platform Management Service for a fabric:

1. Login to the switch as the admin user.
2. At the command line enter the msplmgmtdeactivate command.
3. Enter Y to confirm the deactivation.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> msplmgmtdeactivate

MS Platform Management Service is currently enabled.

This will erase Platform configuration information
as well as Platform databases in the entire fabric.

Would you like to continue disabling? (yes, y, no, n): [no] y

Deactivating Platform Management Service is in progress.....
*Completed deactivating Platform Management Service in the fabric!

switch:admin>
```

## Controlling the Topology Discovery

The Topology Discovery is an individual feature within the Management Server, and can be displayed, enabled, and disabled separately.

### Display the Status of MS Topology Discovery Service

To display the current status of the Management Server Topology Discovery feature:

1. Login to the switch as the admin user.
2. At the command line enter the `mstdreadconfig` command.
3. View the list of displayed MS features.

**Example:**

```
switch86:admin > mstdreadconfig  
  
*MS Topology enabled locally
```

### Enable the MS Topology Discovery Feature

The Management Server Topology Discovery feature is enabled by default. To enable the MS Topology Discovery feature:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. At the command line enter the `mstdenable` command.

A request is sent to enable the MS Topology Discovery Management Feature and the feature is enabled.

**Example:**

```
switch86:admin > mstdenable  
  
Request fabric to enable Topology Discovery Management Services  
*MS feature enable locally
```

## Disable the MS Topology Discovery Feature

Disabling the MS Topology Discovery management may erase all NID entries.

To disable the MS Topology Discover management feature:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. At the command line enter the `mstddisable` command.  
A warning displays that all NID entries may be cleared.
3. Enter Y to disable MS Topology discovery.

### Example:

```
switch86:admin > mstddisable
```

```
This may erase all NID entries. Are you sure? (Yes, Y, No, N): Y  
*MS feature is disabled
```

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# Updating Switches to the Core PID Addressing

For detailed information regarding migrating to larger SANs, refer to the Core Switch 2/64 installation guide (the installation guide is also available on the v3.1.x or v4.1.x Software CD).

This chapter provides information about updating the Core Switch Port Identifier (PID) Format, including best practices for updating an existing production SAN to the new PID format.

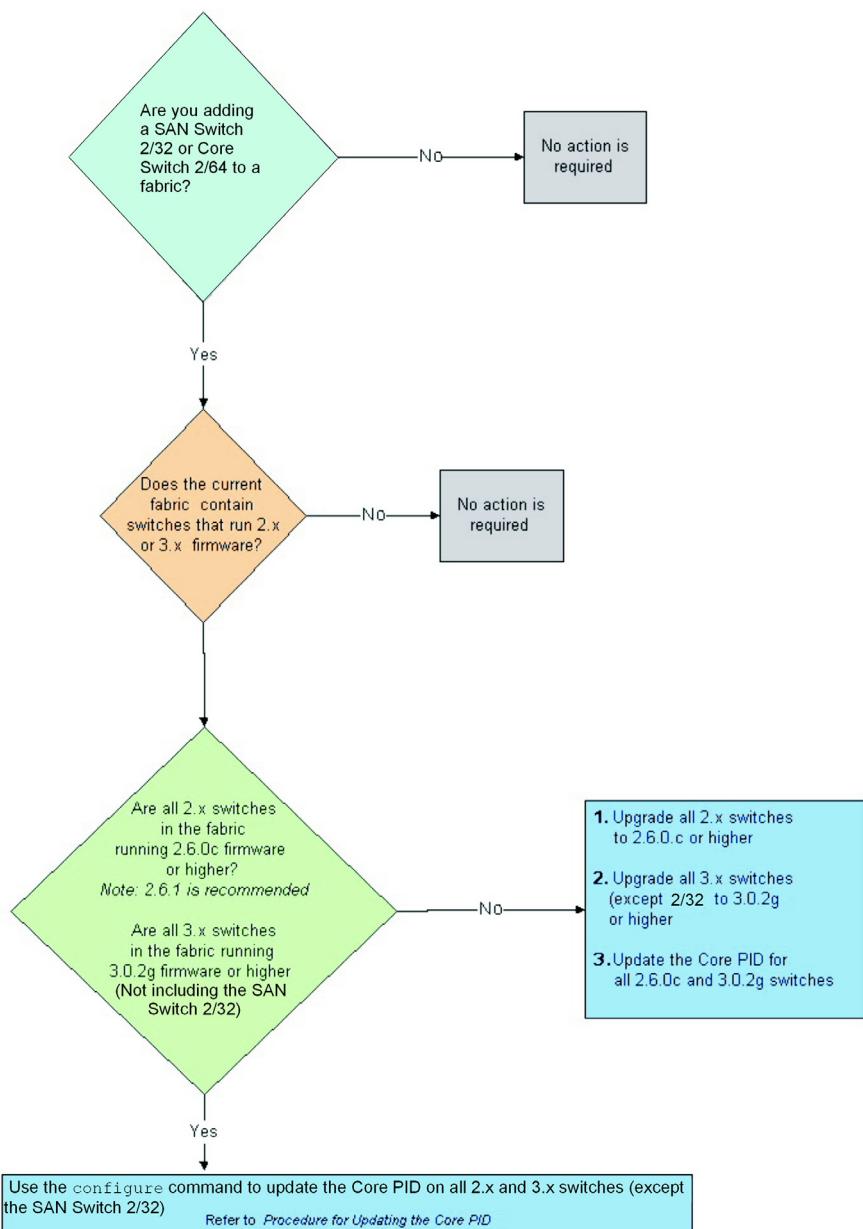
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## Overview

Core PID addressing is an option of the `configure` command for 2.6.0c+ and 3.0.2.g+ firmware, but *not* 4.x firmware. In a purely 4.x fabric, it is not necessary to enable Core PID addressing since this is set by default.

However, even if you are configuring a Core Switch 2/64 or SAN Switch 2/32 switch, it is important to note this requirement if you have a fabric that mixes 4.x switches with other switches. In this scenario, all switches besides the 4.x series would have to have Core PID addressing enabled. Failing to update the Core PID addressing in non-4.x switches will result in segmentation in a mixed fabric.

The flowchart in [Figure 2](#) shows a detailed process for adding a new switch into a fabric.

**Figure 2: Switch Update Requirements**

## Determining If You Need to Enable the Core PID

Use the following scenarios to determine if any Core PID-related action is required for your particular fabric.

### Example Scenarios

**Table 8: Sample Fabric Scenarios**

Scenario	Desired Change	Required Action
You have a fabric of all 4.x switches (Core Switch 2/64 and SAN Switch 2/32).	Add an additional 4.x switch to the fabric.	No action is required. The Core PID is enabled by default.
	Add a 3.x switch to the fabric.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The firmware must be upgraded to 3.0.2g +.</li> <li>■ The Core PID must be enabled before it can join the fabric.</li> </ul>
	Add a 2.x switch to the fabric.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The firmware must be upgraded to 2.6.0c + (2.6.1 is recommended).</li> <li>■ The Core PID must be enabled before it can join the fabric.</li> </ul>
You have a fabric of switches that use 3.x firmware only.	Add an additional 3.x firmware switch to the fabric.	No action is required. The switch is in Native Addressing Mode, but Core PID is not necessary since the fabric does not contain a 4.x switch.
	Add a 2.x switch to the fabric.	No action is required. The switch is in Native Addressing Mode, but Core PID is not necessary since the fabric does not contain a 4.x switch.
	Add a 4.x switch (Core Switch 2/64 or SAN Switch 2/32) to the fabric.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The firmware must be upgraded to 3.0.2g +.</li> <li>■ The Core PID must be enabled before it can join the fabric.</li> </ul>

**Table 8: Sample Fabric Scenarios (Continued)**

<b>Scenario</b>	<b>Desired Change</b>	<b>Required Action</b>
You have a fabric that consists of 2.x switches only.	Add an additional 2.x switch to the fabric.	No action is required. The switch is in Native Addressing Mode, but Core PID is not necessary since the fabric does not contain a 4.x switch.
	Add a 3.x firmware switch to the fabric.	No action is required. The switch is in Native Addressing Mode, but Core PID is not necessary since the fabric does not contain a 4.x switch.
	Add a 4.x switch (Core Switch 2/64 or SAN Switch 2/32) to the fabric.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The firmware must be upgraded to 2.6.0c + (2.6.1 is recommended).</li> <li>■ The Core PID must be enabled before it can join the fabric.</li> </ul>

## About Core PID Addressing

Updating the Core Switch PID Format is required when upgrading an existing SAN to support larger port-count switches. When a switch with more than 16 ports, such as the SAN Switch 2/32 or the Core Switch 2/64 is introduced into an existing fabric, this parameter needs to be set on all 2.x and 3.x switches in the fabric.

In addition to the Core PID format update process, there are a number of common scenarios in which a device may be assigned a new PID. Therefore the procedures included in this chapter are applicable to other areas of SAN administration, and should be generally useful to any SAN administrator. While this chapter is not comprehensive, it should provide a SAN administrator with the information required to plan and execute a successful core PID format update, and provide useful information for other SAN management tasks.

Redundant fabrics and multi-pathing software are recommended for uptime-sensitive environments. If a redundant SAN architecture is in place, the Core PID update can take place without application downtime. To ensure maximum ease of administration, this parameter should be set on all switches in a fabric before the fabric enters production, regardless of whether an upgrade to larger switches is planned.

## About Fibre Channel Addressing

There are two addressing mechanisms used in Fibre Channel:

- **Port Identifier (PID)** - The PID is analogous to specifying the physical switch and port to which a device is attached in a network; it is not analogous to an IP address. PIDs are assigned by a Fibre Channel switch when a device logs into the fabric. A example PID might look like the following: 011F00. There are numerous situations in which a device's PID may change.
- **World Wide Name (WWN)** - The WWN is analogous to an Ethernet MAC address. WWNs are assigned by the factory when a device is manufactured, and do not change. An example WWN might look like the following: 10:00:00:60:69:51:0e:8b.

The method that HP Fibre Channel switches use to assign PIDs differs between the 16-port switches and the larger port count products.

The smaller port-count format is: XX1YZZ

**Table 9: 16-Port Count Addressing**

Address Format	Represents
<b>XX1YZZ</b>	
XX	Refers to the Domain ID
"1"	Refers to a constant (based on a conservative reading of the Fibre Channel standards)
"Y"	Refers to a hexadecimal number, which specifies a particular port on a switch.
ZZ	Refers to the AL_PA.

The larger port-count format is XXYYZZ:

**Table 10: Larger Port Count Addressing**

Address Format	Represents
<b>XXYYZZ</b>	
XX	Refers to the Domain ID.
"YY"	Represents a port (using the entire middle byte allows addressing up to 256 ports per switch)
ZZ	Refers to the AL_PA.

## Recommendations

Redundant fabrics and multi-pathing software are recommended for uptime-sensitive environments. If redundant fabrics are *not* used, there are numerous possible failure cases and even routine maintenance scenarios that can result in application downtime. This is true for any currently available Fibre Channel technology.

Examples of scenarios protected by redundant fabrics include:

- Add/move/change operations for devices or switches
- Major upgrades/changes to fabric architecture
- Physical disasters
- Changing the Core PID format
- Changing any other fabric-wide parameters, for example ED\_TOV
- Erroneous zoning changes/user error

## New Fabrics

For new fabrics, the PID format should always be set to the larger port count addressing method before the fabric enters production. When updating an existing SAN, there are several scenarios which must be evaluated before changing the PID format.

Proactively setting the core PID format on new fabrics is strongly recommended to save potential administrative effort later on. There is no difference in the behavior of a fabric with either PID format.

Core PID is enabled by default on 4.x switches (Core Switch 2/64 or SAN Switch 2/32). Use the `configure` command to enable Core PID on 2.x and 3.x switches before mixing with a 4.x switch fabric.

## Existing Fabrics

When a switch with the larger port count format is introduced into an existing fabric, the core PID format must be set on all switches in the fabric to prevent segmentation. This does not require application downtime if redundant fabrics are used. If redundant fabrics are not in use, it is necessary to schedule an outage for the fabric.

**Note:** It is recommended not to use drivers that bind by PID. There are several routine maintenance procedures which may result in a device receiving a new PID. Refer to [About PID Mapping](#) for more information.

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## About PID Mapping

A PID is a Port Identifier. PIDs are used by the routing and zoning services in Fibre Channel fabrics to identify ports in the network. They are not used to uniquely identify a device; this is done using the World Wide Name (WWN).

Some device drivers map logical disk drives to physical Fibre Channel counterparts by PID. An example in a Windows HBA driver is “Drive E: = PID 011F00”. Most drivers can either dynamically change PID mappings or use the WWN of the Fibre Channel disk for mapping, not the PID. For example, “Drive E: = WWN 10:00:00:60:69:51:0e:8b”.

### Dynamic PID

WWN or dynamic PID binding is most typically used. In this case, changing the device’s PID does not affect the mapping. However, before updating the PID format, it is necessary to determine whether or not any devices in the SAN bind by PID (see [Evaluate the Fabric](#)).

### Static PID

For those few drivers that use static PID binding, when the format is changed (PID 010F00), the mapping breaks and must be manually fixed. (The driver still has “Drive E: = PID 011F00” but the actual device address is now “010F00”). This can be done by rebooting the host or using a manual update procedure on the host.

To manually correct broken mapping due to static PIDs, refer to the following sections for more detail:

- [Evaluate the Fabric](#) of this chapter discusses in more detail the process of updating to the new PID format. This starts with evaluating a production SAN to see which if any devices bind by PID. Then either an online or offline update procedure is chosen to perform the actual update.
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) provides a Q&A format to discuss the issues surrounding a core PID format update.

- [Detailed Update Procedures for HP/UX and AIX](#) provides examples of step-by-step instructions for certain PID-bound devices. These procedures are applicable to any of a broad class of routine maintenance tasks; indeed, they would apply to these devices in many scenarios with any Fibre Channel switch in any addressing mode.

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**Note:** It is recommended not to use drivers that bind by PID. There are several routine maintenance procedures which may result in a device receiving a new PID.

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Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Changing “Compatibility Mode” settings
- Changing switch Domain IDs
- Merging fabrics
- Relocating devices to new ports or new switches (that is, for Add, Move, and Change type operations)
- Updating the core PID format
- Using hot spare switch ports to deal with failures

In every case where devices bind by PID, any such procedure becomes difficult or impossible to execute without downtime.

In some cases, device drivers allow the user to manually specify persistent bindings by PID. In these cases, such devices must be identified and an appropriate update procedure created. If possible, the procedure should involve changing from PID binding to WWN binding.

## Evaluate the Fabric

The fabric must be evaluated to:

- Find any devices which bind to PIDs
- Determine how each device driver will respond to the PID format change
- Determine how any multi-pathing software will respond to a fabric service interruption

If current details about the SAN are already available, it may be possible to skip the Data Collection step. If not, it is necessary to collect information about each device in the SAN. Any type of device may be able to bind by PID; each device should be evaluated prior to attempting an online update. This information has broad applicability, since PID-bound devices are not able to seamlessly perform in many routine maintenance or failure scenarios.

## Gathering Information

### Collect Device, Software, Hardware, and Config Data

The following is a non-comprehensive list of information to collect:

- HBA driver versions
- Fabric OS versions
- RAID array microcode versions
- SCSI bridge code versions
- JBOD drive firmware versions
- Multi-pathing software versions
- HBA time-out values
- Multi-pathing software time-out values
- Kernel time-out values
- Configuration of switch

## Make List of Manually Configurable PID Drivers

Some device drivers do not automatically bind by PID, but allow the operator to manually create a PID binding. For example, persistent binding of PIDs to logical drives may be done in many HBA drivers. Make a list of all devices that are configured this way. If manual PID binding is in use, consider changing to WWN binding.

The following are some of the device types that may be manually configured to bind by PID:

- HBA drivers (persistent binding)
- RAID arrays (LUN access control)
- SCSI bridges (LUN mapping)

## Analyzing Data

Once you have determined the code versions of each device on the fabric, they must be evaluated to find out if any automatically bind by PID. It may be easiest to work with the support providers of these devices to get this information. If this is not possible, you may need to perform empirical testing.

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**Note:** Binding by PID can create management difficulties in a number of scenarios. It is recommended that you not use drivers that do not bind by PID. If the current drivers do bind by PID, upgrade to WWN-binding drivers, if possible.

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The drivers shipping by default with HP/UX and AIX at the time of this writing still bind by PID, and so detailed procedures are provided for these operating systems in this chapter. Similar procedures can be developed for other operating systems that run HBA drivers that bind by PID.

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**Note:** There is no inherent PID binding problem with either AIX or HP/UX. It is the HBA drivers shipping with these operating systems that bind by PID. Both operating systems are expected to release HBA drivers that bind by WWN, and these drivers may already be available through some support channels. Work with the appropriate support provider to find out about driver availability.

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It is also important to understand how multi-pathing software reacts when one of the two fabrics is taken offline. If the time-outs are set correctly, the switchover between fabrics should be transparent to the users.

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**Note:** It is recommended that you use the multi-pathing software to manually fail a path before starting maintenance on that fabric.

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## Performing Empirical Testing

Empirical testing may be required for some devices to determine whether they bind by PID. If you are not sure about a device, work with the support provider to create a test environment.

Create as close a match as practical between the test environment and the production environment and perform an update using the Online Update procedure provided above.

Devices that bind by PID are unable to adapt to the new format, and one of three approaches must be taken with them:

- A plan can be created for working around the device driver's limitations in such a way as to allow an online update. See the Detailed Procedures section for examples of how this could be done.
- The device can be upgraded to drivers that do not bind by PID.
- Downtime can be scheduled to reset the device during the core PID update process, which generally allows the mapping to be rebuilt.

If either of the first two options are used, the procedures should again be validated in the test environment.

Determine the behavior of multi-pathing software, including but not limited to:

- HBA time-out values
- Multi-pathing software time-out values
- Kernel time-out values

## Planning the Update Procedure

Whether it is best to perform an offline or online update depends on the uptime requirements of the site.

- An offline update requires less advance planning than an online update. However, it requires that all devices attached to the fabric be offline.
- With careful planning, testing, and general due-diligence, it should be safe to update the core PID format parameter in a live, production environment. This requires dual fabrics with multi-pathing software. Avoid running backups during the update process, as tape drives tend to be very sensitive to I/O interruption. The online update process is only intended for use in **uptime-critical dual-fabric environments, with multi-pathing software** (high-uptime environments should always use a redundant fabric SAN architecture). Schedule a time for the update when the least critical traffic is running.

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**Note:** All switches running any version of Fabric OS 4.x are shipped with the Core Switch PID Format enabled, so it is not necessary to perform the PID format change on these switches.

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Migrating from manual PID binding (such as persistent binding on an HBA) to manual WWN binding and/or upgrading drivers to versions that do not bind by PID can often be done before setting the core PID format. This reduces the number of variables in the update process.

## Outline for Online Update Procedure

The following steps are intended to provide SAN administrators a starting point for creating site-specific procedures.

1. Back up all data and verify backups.
2. Verify that the multi-pathing software can automatically switchover between fabrics seamlessly. If there is doubt, use the software's administrative tools to manually disassociate or mark offline all storage devices on the first fabric to be updated.
3. Verify that I/O continues over the other fabric.
4. Disable all switches in the fabric to be updated, one switch at a time, and verify that I/O continues over the other fabric after each switch disable.

5. Change the PID format on each switch in the fabric (see “[Procedures for Updating the Core PID Format](#)”, on page 154).
6. Once the fabric has re-converged, use the `cfgenable` command to update zoning (see “[Procedures for Updating the Core PID Format](#)”, on page 154).
7. Update their bindings for any devices manually bound by PID. This may involve changing them to the new PIDs, or preferably changing to WWN binding.

For any devices automatically bound by PID, two options exist:

- Execute a custom procedure to rebuild its device tree online. Examples are provided in the “[Detailed Update Procedures for HP/UX and AIX](#)” on page 155 section of this chapter.
  - Reboot the device to rebuild the device tree. Some operating systems require a special command to do this, for example “`boot -r`” in Solaris.
8. For devices that do not bind by PID or have had their PID binding updated, mark online or re-associate the disk devices with the multi-pathing software and resume I/O over the updated fabric.
  9. Repeat with the other fabrics.

## Outline for Offline Update Procedure

The following steps are intended to provide SAN administrators a starting point for creating site-specific procedures.

1. Schedule an outage for all devices attached to the fabric.
2. Back up all data and verify backups.
3. Shut down all hosts and storage devices attached to the fabric.
4. Disable all switches in the fabric.
5. Change the PID format on each switch in the fabric (see “[Procedures for Updating the Core PID Format](#)”, on page 154).
6. Re-enable the switches in the updated fabric one at a time. In a core/edge network, enable the core switches first.
7. Once the fabric has re-converged, use the `cfgenable` command to update zoning (see “[Procedures for Updating the Core PID Format](#)”, on page 154).
8. Bring the devices online in the order appropriate to the SAN. This usually involves starting up the storage arrays first, and the hosts last.

9. For any devices manually bound by PID, bring the device back online, but do not start applications. Update their bindings and reboot again if necessary. This may involve changing them to the new PIDs, or may (preferably) involve changing to WWN binding.
10. For any devices automatically bound by PID, reboot the device to rebuild the device tree (some operating systems require a special command to do this, such as “boot -x” in Solaris).
11. For devices that do not bind by PID or have had their PID binding updated, bring them back up and resume I/O.
12. Verify that all I/O has resumed correctly.

## Hybrid Update

It is possible to combine the online and offline methods for fabrics where only a few devices bind by PID. Since any hybrid procedure is extremely customized, it is necessary to work closely with the SAN service provider in these cases.

## Procedures for Updating the Core PID Format

The following sections present basic procedures for update the Core PID format and detailed procedures for HP/UX and AIX.

### Basic Update Procedures

This process should be executed as part of the overall online or offline update process. However, it may be implemented in a stand-alone manner on a non-production fabric on a switch that has not yet joined a fabric.

1. Ensure that all switches in the fabric are running Fabric OS versions that support the new addressing mode. The recommended firmware versions are: 2.6.0c or later for StorageWorks 1 Gb SAN switches, 3.0.2g or later for SAN Switch 2/8 EL and SAN Switch 2/16 switches, and 4.0.2x or later for SAN Switch 2/32 and Core Switch 2/64 switches.

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**Note:** All switches running any version of Fabric OS 4.x are shipped with the Core Switch PID Format enabled, so it is not necessary to perform the PID format change on these switches.

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2. Telnet into one of the switches in the fabric.
3. Disable the switch by entering the `switchdisable` command.
4. Enter the `configure` command (the `configure` prompts display sequentially).
5. Enter “`y`” after the “Fabric parameters” prompt.
6. Enter “`1`” at the “Core Switch PID Format” prompt.
7. Complete the remaining prompts or press `Ctrl+D` to accept the remaining settings without completing all the prompts.
8. Repeat steps 2 through 7 for the remaining switches in the fabric.
9. Re-enable the switch by entering the `switchenable` command.

**Example:**

```

switch:admin> switchDisable
switch:admin> configure
Configure...

Fabric parameters (yes, y, no, n): [no] yes

Domain: (1..239) [1]
R_A_TOV: (4000..120000) [10000]
E_D_TOV: (1000..5000) [2000]
Data field size: (256..2112) [2112]
Sequence Level Switching: (0..1) [0]
Disable Device Probing: (0..1) [0]
Suppress Class F Traffic: (0..1) [0]
SYNC IO mode: (0..1) [0]
VC Encoded Address Mode: (0..1) [0] 0
Core Switch PID Format: (0..1) [0] 1
Per-frame Route Priority: (0..1) [0]
Long Distance Fabric: (0..1) [0]
BB credit: (1..27) [16]

```

10. Once all switches are updated to use the new PID format and re-enabled, verify that the fabric has fully re-converged (each switch “sees” the other switches).
11. Enter `cfgenable [active_zoning_config]` on one of the switches in the fabric to update zoning to use the new PID form. This does not change the definition of zones in the fabric, but merely causes the lowest level tables in the zoning database to be updated with the new PID format setting. It is only necessary to do this once per fabric; the zoning update automatically propagates to all switches.

At this point, all switches in the fabric are operating in the new addressing mode.

## Detailed Update Procedures for HP/UX and AIX

These procedures are not intended to be comprehensive. They provide a starting point from which a SAN administrator could develop a site-specific procedure for a device that binds automatically by PID and cannot be rebooted due to uptime requirements.

### HP/UX

1. Back up all data. Verify backups.

2. If you are not using multi-pathing software, stop all I/O going to all volumes connected through the switch/fabric to be updated.

3. If you are not using multi-pathing software, unmount the volumes from their mount points using `umount`. The proper usage would be `umount <mount_point>`. For example:

```
umount /mnt/jbod
```

4. If you are using multi-pathing software, use that software to remove one fabric's devices from its configuration.

5. Deactivate the appropriate volume groups using `vgchange`. The proper usage would be:

```
vgchange -a n <path_to_volume_group>
```

For example:

```
vgchange -a n /dev/jbod
```

6. Make a backup copy of the volume group directory using `tar` from within `/dev`. For example:

```
tar -cf /tmp/jbod.tar jbod
```

7. Export the volume group using `vgexport`. The proper usage would be `vgexport -m <mapfile> <path_to_volume_group>`

For example:

```
vgexport -m /tmp/jbod_map /dev/jbod
```

8. Log into each switch in the fabric

9. Issue the command `switchDisable`

10. Issue the command `configure` and change the Core Switch PID Format to 1.

11. Issue the command:

```
cfgEnable [effective_zone_configuration].
```

For example:

```
cfgEnable my_zones
```

12. Clean the `lvmtab` file by using the command `vgscan`.

13. Change to `/dev` and untar the file that was tared in step 4. For example:

```
tar -xf /tmp/jbod.tar
```

14. Import the volume groups using `vgimport`. The proper usage would be  
`vgimport -m <mapfile> <path_to_volume_group> <physical_volume_path>`.

For example:

```
vgimport -m /tmp/jbod_map /dev/jbod /dev/dsk/c64t8d0
/dev/dsk/c64t9d0
```

15. Activate the volume groups using `vgchange`. The proper usage would be  
`vgchange -a y <path_to_volume_group>`.

For example:

```
vgexport -a y /dev/jbod
```

16. If you are not using multi-pathing software, mount all devices again and restart I/O. For example:

```
mount /mnt/jbod
```

17. If you are using multi-pathing software, re-enable the affected path. The preceding steps do not “clean up” the results from `ioscan`. When viewing the output of `ioscan` (see the following example), notice that the original entry is still there, but now has a status of NO\_HW.

### Example

```
# ioscan -funC disk
Class      I      H/W Path          Driver S/W State H/W Type Description
-----
disk       0      0/0/1/1.2.0        adisk CLAIMED   DEVICE   SEAGATEST39204LC
                                         /dev/dsk/clt2d0 /dev/rdsk/c1t2d0
disk       1      0/0/2/1.2.0        adisk CLAIMED   DEVICE   HP      DVD-ROM 304
                                         /dev/dsk/c3t2d0 /dev/rdsk/c3t2d0
disk      319    0/4/0/0.1.2.255.14.8.0 adisk CLAIMED   DEVICE   SEAGATEST336605FC
                                         /dev/dsk/c64t8d0 /dev/rdsk/c64t8d0
disk      320    0/4/0/0.1.18.255.14.8.0adisk NO_HW     DEVICE   SEAGATEST336605FC
                                         /dev/dsk/c65t8d0 /dev/rdsk/c65t8d0
```

18. To remove the original (outdated) entry, the command `rmsf` (remove special file) will be needed. The proper usage for this command would be `rmsf -a -v <path_to_device>`. For example:

```
rmsf -a -v /dev/dsk/c65t8d0
```

19. Validate that the entry has been removed by using the command `ioscan -func disk`. Notice in the following example that the NO\_HW entry is no longer listed.

### Example

```
het46 (HP-50001)> ioscan -func disk
Class      I      H/W Path          Driver S/W State  H/W Type Description
-----
disk       0      0/0/1/1.2.0      adisk CLAIMED    DEVICE   SEAGATE ST39204LC
                           /dev/dsk/clt2d0  /dev/rdsck/c1t2d0
disk       1      0/0/2/1.2.0      adisk CLAIMED    DEVICE   HP        DVD-ROM 304
                           /dev/dsk/c3t2d0  /dev/rdsck/c3t2d0
disk      319  0/4/0/0.1.2.255.14.8.0 adisk CLAIMED    DEVICE   SEAGATE ST336605FC
                           /dev/dsk/c64t8d0  /dev/rdsck/c64t8d0
```

20. Repeat for all fabrics.
21. Issue the `switchEnable` command. Enable the core switches first, then the edges.

## AIX Procedure

1. Back up all data. Verify backups.
2. If you are not using multi-pathing software, stop all I/O going to all volumes connected through the switch or fabric to be updated.
3. If you are not using multi-pathing software, `varyoff` the volume groups. The command usage is `varyoffvg <volume_group_name>`. For example:  
`varyoffvg datavg`
4. If you are not using multi-pathing software, unmount the volumes from their mount points using `umount`. The command usage is `umount <mount_point>`. For example:  
`umount /mnt/jbod`
5. If you are using multi-pathing software, use that software to remove one fabric's devices from its configuration.
6. Remove the device entries for the fabric you are migrating. For example, if the HBA for that fabric is `fcs0`, execute the command:

```
rmdev -Rd1 fcs0
```

7. Log into each switch in the fabric.
8. Issue the `switchdisable` command.
9. Issue the `configure` command and change the Core Switch PID Format to 1.
10. Issue the `configenable [effective_zone_configuration]` command. For example:  
`configenable my_config`
11. Issue the `switchenable` command. Enable the core switches first, then the edges.
12. Rebuild the device entries for the affected fabric using the `cfgmgr` command. For example:  
`cfgmgr -v`

---

**Note:** This command may take several minutes to complete.

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13. If you are not using multi-pathing software, vary on the disk volume groups. The proper usage would be `varyonvg <volume_group_name>`. For example:

```
varyonvg datavg
```

14. If you are not using multi-pathing software, mount all devices again and restart I/O. For example:

```
mount /mnt/jbod
```

15. If you are using multi-pathing software, re-enable the affected path.

16. Repeat for all fabrics.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** What is a PID?

**A:** A PID is a Port Identifier. PIDs are used by the routing and zoning services in Fibre Channel fabrics to identify ports in the network. They are not used to uniquely identify a device; the World Wide Name (WWN) does that.

**Q:** What Situations Can Cause a PID to Change?

**A:** Many scenarios cause a device to receive a new PID. For example, unplugging the device from one port and plugging it into a different port (this might happen when cabling around a bad port, or when moving equipment around). Another example is changing the Domain ID of a switch, which might be necessary when merging fabrics, or changing compatibility mode settings.

**Q:** Why do some devices handle a PID change well, and some poorly?

**A:** Some older device drivers behave as if a PID uniquely identifies a device. These device drivers should be updated, if possible, to use WWN binding instead. A device's WWN never changes, unlike its PID. PID binding creates problems in many routine maintenance scenarios and should always be avoided. Fortunately, very few device drivers still behave this way, and these are expected to be updated as well. Many current device drivers enable binding by PID. Only select this method if there is a compelling reason, and only after you have evaluated the impact of doing so.

**Q:** Must I schedule downtime for my SAN to perform the PID update?

**A:** Only if you do not have dual-fabrics or have devices that bind by PID.

**Q:** Must I stop all traffic on the SAN before performing the update?

**A:** If you are running dual-fabrics with multi-pathing software, you can update one fabric at a time. Move all traffic onto one fabric in the SAN, update the other fabric, move the traffic onto the updated fabric, and update the final fabric. Without dual-fabrics, stopping traffic is highly recommended. This is the case for many routine maintenance situations, so dual-fabrics are always recommended for uptime-sensitive environments.

**Q:** How can I avoid having to change PID formats on fabrics in the future?

**A:** The core PID format can be proactively set on a fabric at initial installation. The update could also be opportunistically combined with any scheduled outage. Setting the format proactively far in advance of adoption of higher port count switches is the best way to ensure administrative ease.

# 8

# Diagnostics and Status

For detailed diagnostics information, refer to the *HP StorageWorks Diagnostic and System Error Message Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide*.

This chapter provides information on diagnostics and displaying switch, port, and hardware status information.

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## Diagnostics Overview

The purpose of the diagnostic subsystem is to evaluate the integrity of the system hardware. Diagnostics are invoked two ways:

- Manually (through the Fabric OS command line), or
- During the power-on self test (POST)

The error messages generated during these test activities are sent to the console, error logs, and possibly to non-volatile storage. Each of these destinations may adjust the output format slightly to suit the purpose of the output media.

## Manual Operation

During manual operation of diagnostics, the switch or blade typically needs to be in an offline state so as not to affect the fabric that the switch is placed in. There are exceptions to this policy. If a diagnostic needs the switch offline and finds that the switch is active, it will not run, and exits without harm to the fabric. Manual tests are useful in fault isolation, and various stress test environments. There is no single test that will give a comprehensive indication of the hardware status. They need to be run in concert to achieve this goal.

## Power on Self Test (POST)

The POST tests give a quick indication of hardware readiness when new hardware is brought into operation. These tests do not require user input to function. These tests typically operate within a couple minutes, and support minimal validation due to the restriction on test duration. Their purpose is to give a basic health check before new hardware is allowed to join a fabric. These tests are divided into two groups—POST1 and POST2. POST1 validates the hardware interconnect of the switch/blade, and POST2 validates the ability of the switch/blade to pass data frames between the ports.

## Diagnostic Command Set

The diagnostic command set can be divided into two categories. These are

- Control commands - Act to support or evaluate the diagnostic operations independent of performing an actual test of hardware circuitry
- Test commands - Act on hardware and report anomalies when found.

There are two basic modes in which diagnostics can be manually run; they are normal interactive mode and burnin mode. Burnin mode has additional control commands for its operation.

Diagnostics are also executed in the power-on self test (POST) operation, but do not require user command input. They are automatically activated when Field Replaceable Units (FRUs) are brought online.

The following lists diagnostic test commands (refer to the *HP StorageWorks Fabric OS Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide* for more information):

- portregtest
- sramretentiontest
- spinfab
- crossporttest
- portloopbacktest
- backport
- cmemretentiontest
- cmitest
- statstest
- portledtest
- filtertest

The following test commands are run during POST:

- turboramtest
- centralmemorytest
- cmitest
- camtest
- txdpath
- spinsilk
- backplanetest

Diagnostic control commands:

- diagenablepost
- diagdisablepost
- diagmodeshow

- statsclear
- diagshow
- diagstatus
- diagreset
- diagcommandshow
- diaghelp
- forceerror
- forceporterror

## Interactive Diagnostic Commands

When diagnostics are executed manually (from the Fabric OS command line), many commands require the switch/blade to be in an offline state. This ensures that the activity of the diagnostic does not interfere or disturb normal fabric traffic. If the switch/blade is not in an offline state (`switchdisable` or `bladedisable`), the `diagnostic` command will not run and display an error message. No one diagnostic can give a complete assessment of the viability of all the hardware. The diagnostic commands must be used together to get an overall picture of the health of the switch or blade. If an area of the hardware is suspected of having a fault, then a set of diagnostic commands can be used to isolate and validate the functionality of the hardware.

A series of tests are captured and structured to allow hardware validation and fault isolation. These have been captured in the `bladediag` and `bladediagshort` commands. These commands run a set of tests in certain combination and in various modes to allow a trained user to evaluate the integrity of the hardware, and enable insight as to where a hardware fault is originating.

## Persistent Error Log

The Persistent Error Log feature prevents messages of lesser severity from over-writing messages of greater severity. For example, *Warning* messages cannot over write *Error*, *Critical*, or *Panic* messages. Features of the persistent error log include:

- The error log sub-system supports persistent logging. Each switch has its own persistent log.
- (Core Switch 2/64 specific) Persistent error logs are saved to the current active CP and are not carried over to the new active CP in the event of a failover.
- The persistent log is preserved across power cycles and system reboots.
- The persistent log has a default capacity to store 1024 error log entries.
- The persistent log can be resized at run time without having to reboot the switch or the system.
- The persistent log can be resized at run time to configure a maximum of 2048 entries. The persistent error log can be resized anywhere between 1024 and 2048 entries.

The Error Log sub-system can save a maximum of 1536 messages in RAM, that is, a total of 256 messages for each error message level (Panic, Critical, Error, Warning, Info, and Debug). In addition, important messages are stored in a separate persistent error log to guarantee that they are not lost in case of power outage or system reboot.

- The persistent log is implemented as a circular buffer. When more than maximum entries are added to the persistent log, old entries are over-written by new entries.
- All error messages of levels Panic and Critical are automatically saved in the persistent log as they are received. This guarantees that critical or panic level messages are not lost in the event of unexpected system reboot or fail-over.
- A new command to control and filter messages to be saved in the persistent error log is provided. For example, you can specify that all log messages of level *Warning* and more severe than *Warning* (basically *Error*, *Critical*, *Panic*) should be saved in the persistent error log.
- The commands `errdump` or `errshow` display a superset of the persistent log messages saved during previous system run time cycles and the error log messages generated during the current run time cycle.

- Options are provided to the `errdump` command to display three options: all the errors (previous persistent log and the current run-time log), only errors from the current run-time cycle, or the errors from the persistent error log.
- Options are provided to clear the persistent error log. (`errclear -p`).

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**Note:** Only the persistent log can be resized. The run-time error log cannot be resized.

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## Displaying the Error Log Without Page Breaks

To display the switch error log all at once:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `errdump` command at the command line.

### Example:

```
switch:admin> errdump

Error 04
-----
0x576 (fabos): Nov 25 08:26:44 (1)
Switch: 1, Info TRACK-LOGIN, 4, Successful login

Error 03
-----
0x576 (fabos): Nov 24 16:01:44 (12)
Switch: 1, Info TRACK-CONFIG_CHANGE, 4, Config file change from task:ZNIPC

Error 02
-----
0x2f0 (fabos): Nov 24 15:07:01
Switch: 1, Warning FW-STATUS_SWITCH, 3, Switch status changed from
HEALTHY/OK to
Marginal/Warning
```

```
Error 01
-----
0x271 (fabos): Nov 24 15:04:06
Switch: 1, Info EM-BOOT, 4, Restart reason: Failover
switch:admin>
```

## Displaying the Error Log With Page Breaks

To display the error log:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. At the command line, enter the `errshow` command.

### Example:

```
switch:admin> errshow

Error 497
-----
0x4a5 (fabos): Oct 03 04:40:14
Switch: 0, Info TRACK-LOGIN, 4, Successful login
```

Type <CR> to continue, Q<CR> to stop: q

## Clearing the Switch Error Log

To clear the error log for a particular switch instance:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `errclear -p` command to clear only the persistent errors. The error log in RAM is not cleared.

or

Enter the `errclear` command (with no operands) to clear the RAM memory and remove persistent messages from the default `errShow` display.

If no operand is specified, this command changes the way the error log appears in subsequent sessions. By default, the `errShow` command displays error messages from both the active session and persistent logs from previous sessions. However, using the `errclear` command with no operands makes the following change: in future sessions, you would have to use the `errShow -p` command specifically to view persistent error messages.

The following example shows how to clear the persistent error log on the Active CP.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> errclear -p
switch:admin>
```

## Setting the Error Save Level of a Switch

To control types of messages that are saved in the persistent error log:

1. Log in to the switch as the admin user.
2. At the command line enter the `errsavelvlset` command.

The following example shows how to enable saving of Warning, Error, Critical and Panic messages in the persistent error log.

**Example**

```
switch:admin> errsavelvlset 3
switch:admin>
```

By default, all messages of type Panic and Critical are saved in the persistent log.

## Displaying the Current Error Save Level Setting of a Switch

To find out the current value of the persistent error log save level for a given switch instance:

1. Log in to the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `errsavelvlshow` command at the command line.

The following example shows how to display current error log save level.

### Example

```
switch:admin> errsavelvlshow

Current message save level is = 3

switch:admin>
```

The following example shows how to display current error log save level on the Standby CP for switch 0. The value -s is added to save the Standby CP.

### Example

```
switch:admin> errsavelvlshow -s 0

Current message save level is = 3

switch:admin>
```

## Resizing the Persistent Error Log

To resize the persistent error log of a switch to a new size specified by the operand *number\_of\_entries*:

1. Log in to the switch as the admin user.
2. At the command line enter the `errnvlogsizeset` command.

The following example shows how to resize the persistent error log to 1500 entries.

### Example

```
switch:admin> errnvlogsizeset 1500

Persistent error log is resized to store 1500 entries

switch:admin>
```

## Showing the Current Persistent (Non-Volatile) Error Log Configuration of a Switch

To show the current maximum size of the persistent error log:

1. Log in to the switch as the admin user.
2. At the command line enter the `errnvlogsizeshow` command.

The following example shows how to display persistent error log configuration

### Example

```
switch:admin> errnvlogsizeshow
Persistent Error Log can store 1024 entries
```

The following example shows how to display persistent error log configuration on the Standby CP, for switch instance -0.

### Example

```
switch:admin> errnvlogsizeshow -s 0
Persistent Error      Log can store 1024 entries
```

## Syslog Daemon

The Fabric OS can be configured to use a UNIX style syslog daemon (syslogd) process to read system events and forward system messages to users and/or write the events to log files on a remote UNIX host system. See “[Configuring syslogd](#)” on page 173.

### syslogd Overview

The Fabric OS in the Core Switch 2/64 and SAN Switch 2/32 maintains an internal log of all error messages. The internal log buffers are limited in capacity; when the internal buffers are full, new messages overwrite old messages.

The Core Switch 2/64 can be configured to send error log messages to a UNIX host system that supports syslogd. This host system can be configured to receive error/event messages from the switch and store them in files on the computer hard drive. This enables the storage of switch error log messages on a host system and overcomes the size limitations of the internal log buffers on the Core Switch 2/64 switch.

The syslogd is a process that runs on UNIX or LINUX systems that reads and logs messages to the system console, log files, other machines, and users as specified by its configuration file. Refer to the manual pages and related documentation for your particular UNIX host system for more information on the syslogd process and its capabilities.

Note that the host system can be running UNIX, Linux or any other operating system as long as it supports standard syslogd functionality. The Core Switch 2/64 or SAN Switch 2/32 itself does not assume any particular operating system to be running on the host system. The only requirement is that the host system must support standard syslogd to receive error log messages from the Core Switch 2/64 or SAN Switch 2/32.

### syslog Error Message Format

Below is an example of an error/event message received by the remote syslogd host from the Core Switch 2/64 switch.

```
Jun 4 18:53:59 sqab186 kernel: 0x299 (fabos): Switch: 0, Info  
HAMKERNEL-IP_UP, 4, (session=16) Heartbeat up from Standby CP
```

The first two items are the event’s date and time (as known by the UNIX host machine where syslogd is running) and the machine name that generated the message (In this case it is the name of the Core Switch 2/64 switch). The Core

Switch 2/64 uses the kernel logging facility. The word “kernel” is the name of the syslogd facility used by the Core Switch 2/64 or SAN Switch 2/32 to send error log messages to the remote host. The rest of the message is similar to the error log message output from the `errshow` command line interface on the switch. The fields that are specific to the switch error log message are:

- ID of the task that generated the error (in the example this is **0x299**)
- Name of the task that generated the error (in the example this is **(fabos)**)
- Switch instance number (in the example this is **Switch 0**)
- Message severity level in word (in the example this is **Info**)
- The error message identifier consisting of the module name (in the example this is **HAMKERNEL**) and the message name (in the example this is **IP\_UP**)
- Numeric value of the message severity level defined by the switch (in the example this is **4**)
- A descriptive text string (in the example, this is Heartbeat up from Standby CP)

## Message Classification

The syslogd messages are classified according to facility and priority (severity code). This enables a system administrator to take different actions depending on the error.

The Core Switch 2/64 and SAN Switch 2/32 support 6 message severity levels for error log messages. The following table provides a mapping between severity levels used by the switch and the syslogd severity levels supported by the UNIX system.

Core Switch 2/64 and SAN Switch 2/32 Message severity Levels/Numerical Value	UNIX syslogd message severity levels/Numerical Value
Panic (0)	Emergency (LOG_EMERG) (0)
Critical (1)	Alert (LOG_ALERT) (1)
Error (2)	Error (LOG_ERR) (3)
Warning (3)	Warning (LOG_WARNING) (4)
Info (4)	Info (LOG_INFO) (6)
Debug (5)	Debug (LOG_DEBUG) (7)

## Syslogd CLI Commands

Below is a list of commands that are related to the syslogd configuration. Please refer to the help pages of these commands for more details.

Command	Summary
syslogdipadd	Add the IP address of the remote syslogd host to the switch.
syslogdipremove	Remove the IP address of the remote syslogd daemon from the switch.
syslogdipshow	Show the list of configured syslogd IP addresses on the switch.
errshow	Display messages from the error log on the switch.

## Configuring syslogd

### Configuring syslogd on the Remote Host

The syslogd configuration on the UNIX host provides the syslogd daemon with instructions on how to process different messages it receives from the switch. The following are example entries in the syslog configuration file, /etc/syslog.conf, on how to store switch error log messages received from the Core Switch 2/64 or SAN Switch 2/32 switch. Please refer to the syslog related manual pages on your UNIX system for the full documentation of the syslog configuration file.

The following entry in /etc/syslog.conf causes all messages from the Core Switch 2/64 or SAN Switch 2/32 switch of UNIX priority warning or higher (Basically, warning, error, critical, and panic messages) to be stored in the file /var/adm/SilkWorm.

### Example

```
kern.warning /var/adm/SilkWorm
```

The following entry in /etc/syslog.conf causes all messages (Debug, Info, Warning, Error, Critical, and Panic) from the switch to be stored in the file /var/adm/SilkWorm.

### Example

```
kern.debug /var/adm/SilkWorm
```

The kern prefix identifies that the Core Switch 2/64 and SAN Switch 2/32 use “kernel” syslogd facility to dispatch error log messages to the syslogd daemon. The placement of entries is critical to this function. Refer to “[Configuring syslogd on the Remote Host](#)” on page 173 and “[Configuring syslog on the Remote Host](#)” on page 173 for instructions.

## Enabling syslogd on the Core Switch 2/64 or SAN Switch 2/32

This procedure explains how to configure the switch to dispatch error log messages to a remote syslogd host.

To configure the switch to forward switch error log messages to a remote syslogd host the following steps must be performed:

1. Log in to the switch as Admin user.
2. At the command line enter the `syslogdipadd` command using the following syntax:

```
switch:admin>syslogdipadd "IP address of the remote  
syslogd host"
```

3. Verify the IP address was entered correctly using the `syslogdipshow` command.

The following example shows how to configure the switch to dispatch error log messages to a remote syslogd host whose IP address is 192.168.148.189

### Example

```
switch:admin> syslogdipadd 192.168.148.189  
switch:admin> syslogdipshow  
syslog.IP.address.1 192.168.148.189
```

## Disabling syslogd on the Core Switch 2/64 or SAN Switch 2/32

To disable sending of error log messages to a previously enabled remote syslogd host do the following:

1. Log in to the switch as Admin user.
2. At the command line enter the `syslogdipremove` command using the following syntax:

`switch:admin>syslogdipremove "IP address of the remote syslogd host"`

3. Verify the IP address was deleted using the `syslogdipshow` command

The following example shows how to disable sending of error log messages to a previously configured remote syslogd host whose IP address is 192.168.148.189.

### Example

```
switch:admin> syslogdipremove 192.168.148.189
```

## Switch Diagnostics

The switch status can be either Healthy/OK, Marginal/Warning, or Down. The overall status of a switch is determined by the status of several individual components within the switch. For more information on how the overall switch status is determined, refer to the `switchstatuspolicyset` command in the *HP StorageWorks Fabric OS Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide*.

## Displaying the Switch Status

To display the overall status of a switch:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `switchstatusshow` command at the command line. The status of the switch should be Healthy/OK. If the status is Marginal/Warning or Down, the components contributing to this status are displayed.

### Example:

```
switch:admin> switchstatusshow
The overall switch status is Marginal/Warning
Contributing factors:
  *  Switch Offline triggered the Marginal/Warning status

switch:admin>
```

## Displaying Information About a Switch

To display switch information:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `switchshow` command at the command line. This command displays the following information for a switch:
  - `switchname` - Displays the switch name.
  - `switchtype` - Displays the switch model and firmware version numbers.  
Switch model numbers:  
9 = SAN Switch 2/16  
10.1 = Core Switch 2/64

12.1 = SAN Switch 2/32

16.2 = SAN Switch 2/8 EL

- switchstate - Displays the switch state: Online, Offline, Testing, or Faulty.
- switchrole - Displays the switch role: Principal, Subordinate, or Disabled.
- switchdomain - Displays the switch Domain ID.
- switchid - Displays the embedded port D\_ID of the switch.
- switchwwn - Displays the switch World Wide Name.
- switchbeacon - Displays the switch beaconing state: either ON or OFF.

The `switchshow` command also displays the following information for ports on the specified switch:

- Module type - The GBIC type if a GBIC is present.
- Port speed - The speed of the Port (1G, 2G, N1, N2, or AN). The speed can be fixed, negotiated, or auto negotiated.
- Port state - The port status.
- Comment - Displays information about the port. This section may be blank or display WWN for F\_port or E\_port, Trunking state, upstream or downstream status.

The following example shows information about the SAN Switch 2/16 using the `switchshow` command.

### Example

```
switch:admin> switchshow
switchName:      sw10
switchType:      16.1
switchState:     Online
switchMode:      Native
switchRole:      Subordinate
switchDomain:    52
switchId:        fffc34
switchWwn:       10:00:00:60:69:c0:05:61
switchBeacon:    OFF
zoning:          ON (fmng1)
```

```
port  0: id N1 Online          E-Port 10:00:00:60:69:11:fc:08 "fmgr129"
      (downstream)
)
port  1: id N2 Online          E-Port 10:00:00:60:69:90:03:1f "fmgr137"
      (upstream)
port  2: -- N2 No_Module
port  3: -- N2 No_Module
port  4: -- N2 No_Module
port  5: -- N2 No_Module
port  6: id N2 No_Light
port  7: id N2 No_Light
switch:admin>
```

For more information, refer to the `switchshow` command in the *HP StorageWorks Fabric OS Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide*.

The following example shows the `switchshow` command output on a Core Switch 2/64.

### Example

```
switch:admin> switchshow
switchName: switch61
switchType:    10.1
switchState:   Offline
switchRole:    Disabled
switchDomain:  97 (unconfirmed)
switchId:     fffc61
switchWwn:    10:00:00:60:69:80:04:5a
switchBeacon:  OFF
blade1 Beacon: OFF
blade3 Beacon: OFF
Area Slot Port Gbic Speed State
=====
0    1    0    id    N2    No_Light  Disabled
```

1	1	1	id	N2	No_Light	Disabled
2	1	2	--	N2	No_Module	Disabled
3	1	3	id	N2	In_Sync	Disabled
4	1	4	id	N2	No_Light	Disabled
5	1	5	id	N2	In_Sync	Disabled
6	1	6	id	N2	No_Light	Disabled
7	1	7	id	N2	No_Light	Disabled
8	1	8	--	N2	No_Module	Disabled
9	1	9	id	N2	No_Light	Disabled
10	1	10	id	N2	In_Sync	Disabled
11	1	11	--	N2	No_Module	Disabled
12	1	12	id	N2	No_Light	Disabled
13	1	13	--	N2	No_Module	Disabled
14	1	14	id	N2	No_Sync	Disabled
15	1	15	id	N2	In_Sync	Disabled
32	3	0	id	N2	No_Light	Disabled
33	3	1	--	N2	No_Module	Disabled
34	3	2	id	N2	No_Light	Disabled
35	3	3	id	N2	No_Light	Disabled
36	3	4	id	N2	No_Light	Disabled
37	3	5	id	N2	In_Sync	Disabled
38	3	6	id	N2	No_Light	Disabled
39	3	7	id	N2	No_Light	Disabled
40	3	8	id	N2	In_Sync	Disabled
41	3	9	id	N2	In_Sync	Disabled
42	3	10	id	N2	In_Sync	Disabled
43	3	11	id	N2	In_Sync	Disabled
44	3	12	id	N2	No_Light	Disabled
45	3	13	id	N2	No_Light	Disabled
46	3	14	id	N2	No_Light	Disabled
47	3	15	id	N2	No_Sync	Disabled

switch:admin>

The output will appear different on a SAN Switch 2/32 switch. For more information refer to the `switchshow` command in the *HP StorageWorks Fabric OS Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide*.

## Displaying the Uptime Of the Switch

To display the uptime for a switch:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `uptime` command at the command line. This command displays the length of time the system has been in operation, the total cumulative amount of up-time since the system was first powered-on, the date and time of the last reboot, and the reason for the last reboot. The reason for the last switch reboot is also recorded in the error log.

The following example displays the uptime on a SAN Switch 2/16 using the `uptime` command.

### Example:

```
switch:admin> uptime
Up for:      1 day, 42 mins
Powered for: 167 days,  2:58
Last up at:  Mon Sep  9 04:36:07 2002
Reason:      Reboot
switch:admin>
```

## Port Diagnostics

There are two types of statistics you can view for a port:

- software statistics
- hardware statistics

## Displaying Software Statistics for a Port

Software statistics for a port include information such as port state, number of interrupts, number of link failures, number of loss of synchronization warnings, and number of loss of signal warnings.

To display the software statistics for a port:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `portshow` command at the command line, using the following syntax:

`portshow [slotnumber]/portnumber`

where `portnumber` is the port location you want to view. A table of software statistics for the port is displayed.

The following example displays the software statistics for a port using the `portshow` command.

where `slotnumber` and `portnumber` are the port location you want to view. `Slotnumber` is only required for the Core Switch 2/64. A table of software statistics for the port is displayed.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> portshow 3/7
portCFlags: 0x1  ENABLED
portFlags: 0x20041      PRESENT U_PORT LED
portType: 4.1
portState: 2 Offline
portPhys: 4 No_Light
portScn: 0
portId: 612700
portWwn: 20:27:00:60:69:80:04:5a
portWwn of device(s) connected:
    None
Distance: normal
Speed: N2Gbps

Interrupts:      1      Link_failure: 0      Frjt:      0
Unknown:        0      Loss_of_sync: 0      Fbsy:      0
Lli:            1      Loss_of_sig: 1
Proc_rqrd:      0      Protocol_err: 0
Timed_out:      0      Invalid_word: 0
Rx_flushed:     0      Invalid_crc: 0
Tx_unavail:     0      Delim_err: 0
Free_buffer:    0      Address_err: 0
Overrun:         0      Lr_in: 0
Suspended:       0      Lr_out: 0
Parity_err:      0      Ols_in: 0
2_parity_err:   0      Ols_out: 0
CMI_bus_err:    0

switch:admin>
```

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**Note:** For more information on the `portshow` command, refer to the *HP StorageWorks Fabric OS Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide*.

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## Displaying Hardware Statistics for a Port

Hardware statistics for a port include information such as the number of frames received, the number of frames sent, the number of encoding errors received, and the number of class 2 and 3 frames received.

To display the hardware statistics for a port:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `portstatsshow` command at the command line, using the following syntax:

`portstatsshow [slotnumber]/portnumber`

where `slotnumber` and `portnumber` are the port location you want to view. `Slotnumber` is only required for the Core Switch 2/64. A table of hardware statistics for the port is displayed.

The following example displays the hardware statistics for a port using the `portstatsshow` command.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> portstatsshow 3/7
  stat_wtx      0        4-byte words transmitted
  stat_wrx      0        4-byte words received
  stat_ftx      0        Frames transmitted
  stat_frx      0        Frames received
  stat_c2_frx   0        Class 2 frames received
  stat_c3_frx   0        Class 3 frames received
  stat_lc_rx    0        Link control frames received
  stat_mc_rx    0        Multicast frames received
  stat_mc_to    0        Multicast timeouts
  stat_mc_tx    0        Multicast frames transmitted
  tim_rdy_pri   0        Time R_RDY high priority
  tim_txcrd_z   0        Time BB_credit zero
  er_enc_in     0        Encoding errors inside of frames
  er_crc        0        Frames with CRC errors
  er_trunc      0        Frames shorter than minimum
  er_toolong    0        Frames longer than maximum
  er_bad_eof    0        Frames with bad end-of-frame
  er_enc_out    0        Encoding error outside of frames
  er_disc_c3    0        Class 3 frames discarded
  open          0        loop_open
  transfer      0        loop_transfer
  opened         0        FL_Port opened
  starve_stop   0        tenancies stopped due to starvation
  fl_tenancy    0        number of times FL has the tenancy
  nl_tenancy    0        number of times NL has the tenancy
switch:admin>
```

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**Note:** For more information on the `portstatsshow` command, refer to the *HP StorageWorks Fabric OS Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide*.

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## Displaying a Summary of Port Errors

This `porterrshow` command displays a summary of port errors for all the ports in a single switch.

To display a summary of port errors for a switch:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. At the command line, enter the `porterrshow` command. The display contains one output line per port.

### Example:

```
switch:admin> porterrshow
      frames   enc   crc   too   too   bad   enc disc link loss loss frjt fbsy
      tx     rx     in    err  shrt long  eof  out   c3 fail sync sig
-----
0: 194k 194k 0 0 0 0 0 9.9m 0 4 73 6 0 0
1: 220k 220k 0 0 0 0 0 148 0 1 3 0 0 0
2: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 15 0 0 0 0 0 0
3: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 29 0 0 0 0 0 0
4: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 32 0 0 0 0 0 0
5: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 10 0 0 0 0 0 0
6: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2.8k 0 0 0 0 2 0
7: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1.3k 0 0 0 0 2 0
switch:admin>
```

The following table explains the types of errors counted:

**Table 11: Error Summary Description**

Error Type	Description
frames tx	Frames transmitted.
frames rx	Frames received.
enc in	Encoding errors inside frames.
crc err	Frames with CRC errors.
too shrt	Frames shorter than minimum.
too long	Frames longer than maximum.

**Table 11: Error Summary Description (Continued)**

Error Type	Description
bad eof	Frames with bad end-of-frame delimiters.
enc out	Encoding error outside of frames.
disc c3	Class 3 frames discarded.
link fail	Link failures (LF1 or LF2 states).
loss sync	Loss of synchronization.
loss sig	Loss of signal.
frjt	Frames rejected with F_RJT.
fbsy	Frames busied with F_BSY.

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**Note:** For more information on the `porterrshow` command, refer to the *HP StorageWorks Fabric OS Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide*.

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## Hardware Diagnostics

For detailed hardware information, refer to the switch installation guide supplied with your specific switch (the installation guide is also available on the v3.1.x or v4.1.x Software CD).

## Monitoring the Fan Status

To display the fan status of a switch:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `fanshow` command at the command line. The possible values for fan status are:

`OK` – Fan is functioning correctly.

`absent` – Fan is not present.

`below minimum` – Fan is present but rotating too slowly or stopped.

The following example is the command output from a Core Switch 2/64.

### Example

```
switch:admin> fanshow

Fan #1 is OK, speed is 2616 RPM
Fan #2 is OK, speed is 2596 RPM
Fan #3 is OK, speed is 2596 RPM
switch:admin>
```

The following example is the command output from a SAN Switch 2/32.

### Example:

```
switch:admin> fanshow

Fan #1 is OK, speed is 7500 RPM
Fan #2 is OK, speed is 7560 RPM
Fan #3 is OK, speed is 7560 RPM
Fan #4 is OK, speed is 7590 RPM
Fan #5 is OK, speed is 7440 RPM
switch:admin>
```

**Note:** The number of fans and valid range for RPMs varies depending on the type of switch. For more information, refer to the particular hardware reference manual for your switch.

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## Monitoring the Power Supply Status

To display the power supply status of a switch:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `psshow` command at the command line. The possible values for power supply status are:

`OK` – Power supply present and functioning correctly.

`absent` – Power supply not present.

`faulty` – Power supply present but faulty (no power cable, power switch turned off, fuse blown, or other internal error).

After the status line, a power supply identification line may be shown. If present, this line contains manufacture date, part numbers, serial numbers, and other identification information.

The following example displays the power supply status using the `psshow` command.

### Example:

```
switch:admin> psshow

Power Supply #1 is OK
DELTA DPS-1001AB-1E 23000000601 S1    IXD0111000089
Power Supply #2 is OK
DELTA DPS-1001AB-1E 23000000601 S1    IXD0111000132
Power Supply #3 is absent
Power Supply #4 is OK
DELTA DPS-1001AB-1E 23000000601 S1    IXD0111000117
switch:admin>
```

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**Note:** The number of power supply units varies depending on the type of switch. For more information, refer to the particular hardware reference manual for your switch.

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## Monitoring the Temperature Status

To display the temperature status of a switch:

1. Log into the switch as the admin user.
2. Enter the `tempshow` command at the command line. This command displays current temperature readings from each of the five temperature sensors located on the main printed circuit board of the switch. The sensors are located, approximately, one in each corner and one at the center of the PCB.

The following example shows the temperature status using the `tempshow` command.

### Example:

```
switch:admin> tempshow
 35   33   32  Centigrade
 95   91   89  Fahrenheit
switch:admin>
```

---

**Note:** The number of temperature sensors, the location of the sensors, and the range of temperatures for safe operation varies depending on the type of switch. For more information, refer to the particular hardware reference manual for your switch.

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## Running Diagnostic Tests on the Switch Hardware

There are several diagnostic tests you can run on a switch. These tests are generally run during the POST, each time a switch is booted up. These tests include:

- `camtest`
- `centralMemoryTest`
- `cmemRetentionTest`
- `cmiTest`

- crossPortTest
- portLoopbackTest
- sramRetentionTest
- turboRamTest
- statsTest
- spinSilk

## Linux Root Capabilities

You can enable Linux root capabilities for diagnostic purposes. Enabling Linux root capabilities requires the Linux Root Enabling firmware, available from the switch provider. You cannot use the Linux Root Enabling firmware to perform any other switch functions.

Have the WWN of your switch available when you contact Technical Support to enable Linux capabilities for diagnostics.



# Troubleshooting

This chapter provides information on troubleshooting and the most common procedures used to diagnose and repair issues.

This chapter provides the following information.

- [About Troubleshooting](#), page 194
- [Gathering Information for Technical Support](#), page 198

The following specific scenarios are described to provide examples of Troubleshooting techniques:

- [Host Can Not See Target \(Storage or Tape Devices\)](#), page 199
- [Fabric Segmentation](#), page 203
- [Zoning Setup Issues](#), page 206
- [Fabric Merge Conflicts Related to Zoning](#), page 207
- [MQ-WRITE Error](#), page 209
- [I2C bus Errors](#), page 210
- [Device Login Issues](#), page 212
- [Watchdog \(Best Practices\)](#), page 216
- [Identifying Media-Related Issues](#), page 218
- [Link Failure](#), page 229
- [Marginal Links](#), page 234

## About Troubleshooting

Troubleshooting should begin at the center of the SAN — the fabric. Because switches are located between the hosts and storage devices, and have visibility into both sides of the storage network; starting with them can help narrow the search path. After eliminating the possibility of a fault within the fabric, see if the problem is on the storage side or the host side, and continue a more detailed diagnosis from there. Using this approach can quickly pinpoint and isolate problems.

For example, if a host cannot see a storage device, run a switch command to see if the storage device is logically connected to the switch. If not, focus first on the storage side. Use storage diagnostic tools to better understand why it is not visible to the switch. Once the storage can be seen from the switch, if the host still cannot see the storage device, then there is still a problem between the host and the switch.

## Fibre Channel Process

### FCP Protocol

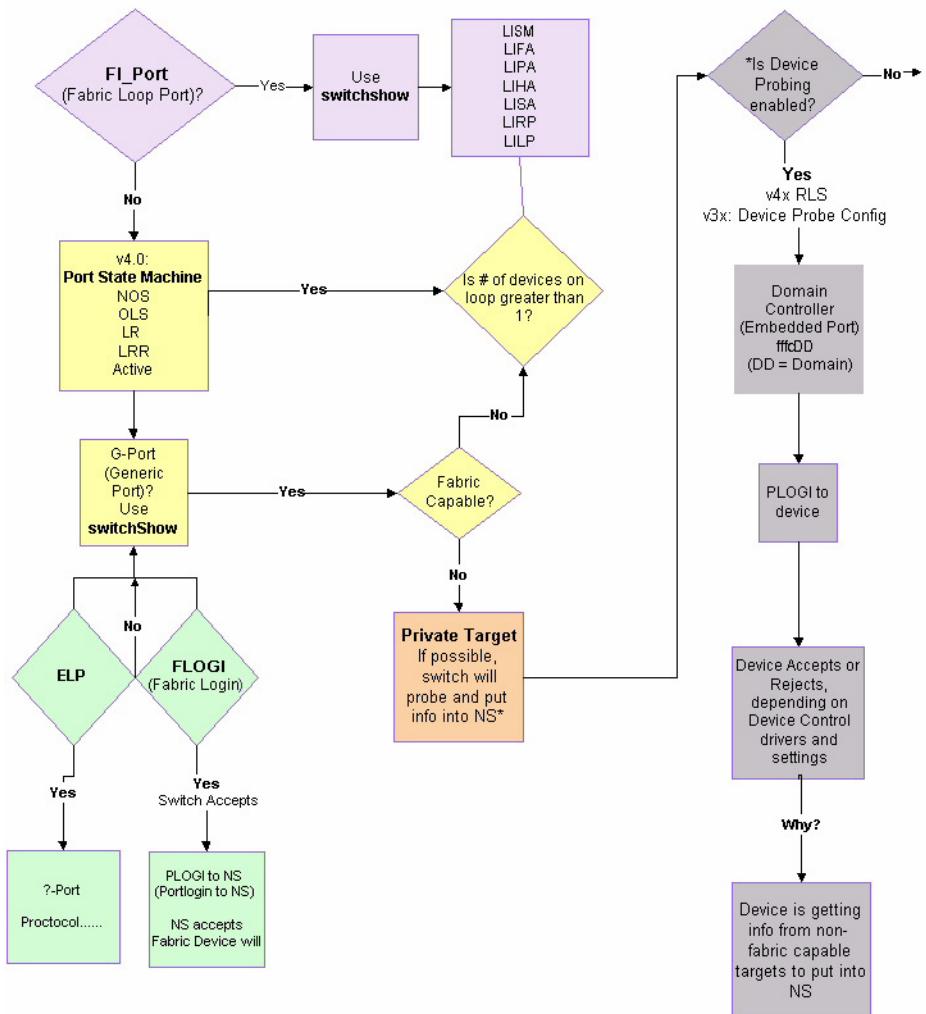


Figure 3: Fibre Channel Process Flow Chart

## Most Common Problem Areas

**Table 12: Most Common Problem Areas**

Area	Investigate
Fabric	Missing devices
	Marginal links (unstable connections)
	Incorrect zoning configurations
	Incorrect switch configurations
Storage Devices	Physical issues between switch and devices
	Incorrect storage software configurations
Hosts	Incorrect host bus adapter installation
	Incorrect device driver installation
	Incorrect device driver configuration
Storage Management Applications	Incorrect installation and configuration of the storage devices that the software references. For example, if using a volume-management application, check for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Incorrect volume installation</li> <li>■ Incorrect volume configuration</li> </ul>

There are many tools available to help troubleshoot the SAN. The following table describes tools that can be used to troubleshoot specific areas.

**Table 13: Troubleshooting Tools**

Problem Area	Troubleshooting Tool
Fabric	Switch LEDs.
	Switch commands for diagnostics (command line).
	Web or GUI-based monitoring and management software tools.
	Real-time distributed fabric operating system with advanced diagnostics.
Storage Devices	Device LEDs
	Storage diagnostic tools

**Table 13: Troubleshooting Tools (Continued)**

Problem Area	Troubleshooting Tool
Hosts	Host adaptor LEDs
	Host operating system diagnostic tools
	Device driver diagnostic tools
Storage Management Applications	Application-specific tools and resources

## Gathering Information for Technical Support

To aid in troubleshooting, gather as much of this information as possible prior to contacting the SAN technical support vendor.

1. Gather Switch Information:
  - a. Serial number (located on the chassis).
  - b. Worldwide name (obtain using `licenseidshow` or `wwn` commands)
  - c. Fabric OS version (obtain using `version` command)
  - d. Switch Configuration settings
2. Gather Host Information:
  - a. OS version and patch level
  - b. HBA type
  - c. HBA firmware version
  - d. HBA driver version
  - e. Configuration settings
3. Gather Storage Information:
  - a. Disk/tape type
  - b. Disk/tape firmware level
  - c. Controller type
  - d. Controller firmware level
  - e. Configuration settings
4. Storage Software (i.e., EMC Control Center, Veritas SPC, etc.)
5. SNMP management being used

## Specific Scenarios

The following sections provide specific help with some of the most common SAN problems.

### Host Can Not See Target (Storage or Tape Devices)

When a host cannot “see” its disks, the best way to troubleshoot the problem is to start in the middle half of the data path, figure out if the problem is “above” or “below” the data path, and keep dividing the suspect path in half until the problem is identified.

There are two areas to check in the process of elimination:

- [Check the Logical Connection](#)
- [Check the Simple Name Server \(SNS\)](#)
- [Check for Zoning Discrepancies](#)
- [Check Device Communication](#)

### Check the Logical Connection

#### Check Whether the Device is Logically Connected to the Switch

1. Enter the `switchShow` command.
2. Review the output and determine if the device is logically connected to the switch:
  - A device that *is* logically connected to the switch will be registered as an `NX_Port`.
  - A device that is *not* logically connected to the switch will be registered as something *besides* an `NX_Port`.
    - If the missing device *is* logically connected, move on to [Check for the Device in the SNS](#).
    - If the missing device *is not* logically connected, eliminate the host and everything on that side of the data path from the suspect list. This includes all aspects of the host’s OS, the HBA driver settings and binaries, the HBA Basic Input Output System (BIOS) settings, the HBA SFP, the cable going from the switch to the host, the SFP on the switch side of that cable, and all switch settings related to the host. Move on to [Link Initialization Failure \(Loop\)](#).

## Check the Simple Name Server (SNS)

### Check for the Device in the SNS

1. Enter the nsShow command on the switch to which the device is attached.

#### Example:

```
The Local Name Server has 9 entries {

  Type   Pid    COS      PortName           NodeName          TTL (sec)

*N    021a00;    2,3;20:00:00:e0:69:f0:07:c6;10:00:00:e0:69:f0:07:c6; 895
      Fabric Port Name: 20:0a:00:60:69:10:8d:fd
NL   051edc;    3;21:00:00:20:37:d9:77:96;20:00:00:20:37:d9:77:96; na
      FC4s: FCP [SEAGATE ST318304FC        0005]

      Fabric Port Name: 20:0e:00:60:69:10:9b:5b
NL   051ee0;    3;21:00:00:20:37:d9:73:0f;20:00:00:20:37:d9:73:0f; na
      FC4s: FCP [SEAGATE ST318304FC        0005]

      Fabric Port Name: 20:0e:00:60:69:10:9b:5b
NL   051ee1;    3;21:00:00:20:37:d9:76:b3;20:00:00:20:37:d9:76:b3; na
      FC4s: FCP [SEAGATE ST318304FC        0005]

      Fabric Port Name: 20:0e:00:60:69:10:9b:5b
NL   051ee2;    3;21:00:00:20:37:d9:77:5a;20:00:00:20:37:d9:77:5a; na
      FC4s: FCP [SEAGATE ST318304FC        0005]

      Fabric Port Name: 20:0e:00:60:69:10:9b:5b
NL   051ee4;    3;21:00:00:20:37:d9:74:d7;20:00:00:20:37:d9:74:d7; na
      FC4s: FCP [SEAGATE ST318304FC        0005]
```

```
Fabric Port Name: 20:0e:00:60:69:10:9b:5b
NL 051ee8;      3;21:00:00:20:37:d9:6f:eb;20:00:00:20:37:d9:6f:eb; na
FC4s: FCP [SEAGATE ST318304FC      0005]
Fabric Port Name: 20:0e:00:60:69:10:9b:5b
NL 051eef;      3;21:00:00:20:37:d9:77:45;20:00:00:20:37:d9:77:45; na
FC4s: FCP [SEAGATE ST318304FC      0005]

Fabric Port Name: 20:0e:00:60:69:10:9b:5b
N 051f00;      2,3;50:06:04:82:bc:01:9a:0c;50:06:04:82:bc:01:9a:0c; na
FC4s: FCP [EMC      SYMMETRIX      5267]

Fabric Port Name: 20:0f:00:60:69:10:9b:5b
```

2. Look for the device in the list of the Simple Name Server (SNS). The SNS lists all of the nodes connected to that switch, which allows a user to determine if a particular node is accessible on the network.
  - If the device is *not* present in the SNS, the search is narrowed to the virtual SAN cable. The problem is between the storage device and the switch. This is not a host problem and may indicate a timeout or communication problem between the edge devices and the Name Server. Move on to [step 3](#).
  - If the device *is* listed in the SNS, the search is narrowed; the problem is between the storage device and the host. There may be a zoning mismatch or a host/storage issue. See “[Check for Zoning Discrepancies](#)”.
3. Check the edge device documentation to determine if there is a timeout setting or parameter that may be re-configured. If this does not solve the communication problem, contact the support organization for the product that appears to be timing out.

## Check for Zoning Discrepancies

To determine if zoning might be causing a communication problem between devices:

1. Enter the `cfgShow` command to determine if zoning is enabled.

If zoning is enabled, it is possible that the problem is being caused by a zoning conflict, that is, two devices in different zones cannot see each other.

### Example:

```
switch:admin> cfgshow
Defined configuration:
cfg: USA1      Blue_zone
cfg: USA_cfg Red_zone; Blue_zone
zone: Blue_zone
    1,1; array1; 1,2; array2
zone: Red_zone
    1,0; loop1
alias: array1  21:00:00:20:37:0c:76:8c; 21:00:00:20:37:0c:71:02
alias: array2  21:00:00:20:37:0c:76:22; 21:00:00:20:37:0c:76:28
alias: loop1   21:00:00:20:37:0c:76:85; 21:00:00:20:37:0c:71:df

Effective configuration:
cfg: USA_cfg
zone: Blue_zone
    1,1
    21:00:00:20:37:0c:76:8c
    21:00:00:20:37:0c:71:02
    1,2
    21:00:00:20:37:0c:76:22
    21:00:00:20:37:0c:76:28
zone: Red_zone
    1,0
    21:00:00:20:37:0c:76:85
    21:00:00:20:37:0c:71:df
```

2. Confirm that the specific edge devices that need to communicate with each other are in the same zone.
  - If they are, zoning is not causing the communication problem.
  - If they are not, and zoning is enabled, continue to [step 3](#)
3. Resolve zoning conflicts by putting the devices into the same zoning configuration.

See “[Basic Zone Merge Correction Procedure](#)”.

## Fabric Segmentation

### Possible Causes

Fabric Segmentation is generally caused by:

- Incompatible fabric parameters. See “[Restore a Segmented Fabric](#)” on page 204
- The Core PID is not set. The Core PID is part of fabric parameters. See “[Procedures for Updating the Core PID Format](#)” on page 154.
- Incompatible zoning configuration. See “[Fabric Merge Conflicts Related to Zoning](#)” on page 207.
- Domain ID conflict. See “[Reconcile a Domain ID Conflict](#)” on page 205.
- A switch in a secure fabric is not running Secure Fabric OS. Refer to the *HP StorageWorks Secure Fabric OS Version 1.0 User Guide*.

## About Fabric Parameters

There are a number of settings that control the overall behavior and operation of the fabric. Some of these values, such as the Domain ID, are assigned automatically by the fabric and may differ from one switch to another in the fabric. Other parameters, such as the BB credit, can be changed for specific applications or operating environments, but must be the same among all switches to allow the formation of a fabric.

### Mandatory Identical Settings

The following fabric parameters must be identical for a fabric to merge:

- R\_A\_TOV
- E\_D\_TOV
- Data Field Size
- Sequence Level Switching
- Disable Device Probing
- Suppress Class F Traffic
- VC Encoded Address Mode
- Per-frame Route Priority

- Long Distance Fabric
- BB Credit
- Core PID

## Domain ID Conflicts

A Domain ID conflict can occur if a switch that is in the online state is added to a fabric and the joining switch Domain ID conflicts with the Domain ID of a switch in the fabric. Normally, Domain IDs are automatically assigned; however, once a switch is online, the Domain ID cannot change, as it would change the port addressing and potentially disrupt critical I/O.

## Restore a Segmented Fabric

The following procedure describes how to check for inconsistent fabric parameters that cause segmentation. For information on zoning configuration incompatibility, see “[Fabric Merge Conflicts Related to Zoning](#)” on page 207.

### Reconcile Fabric Parameters Individually

The following procedure describes how to edit incompatible fabric parameters between fabrics by hand. To reconcile an entire configuration at once, see “[Restore Fabric Parameters Through ConfigUpload](#)” on page 205.

1. Log into one of the segmented fabrics as admin.
2. Enter the `configshow` command.
3. Open another telnet session and log into the next fabric as admin.
4. Enter the `configshow` command.
5. Compare the two fabric configurations line by line and look for differences. Do this by comparing the two telnet windows, or by printing the `configshow` output.
6. Log into the segmented switch once the discrepancy is identified.
7. Disable the switch by entering `switchdisable`.
8. Enter the `configure` command to edit the fabric parameters for the segmented switch.  
Refer to the *HP StorageWorks Fabric OS Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide* for more detailed information.
9. Enable the switch by entering the `switchenable` command.

## Restore Fabric Parameters Through ConfigUpload

The following procedure describes how to restore a segmented fabric by uploading the entire “correct” configuration, then downloading that configuration to the segmented switch. This reconciles any discrepancy in the fabric parameters and allows the segmented switch to rejoin the main fabric. To edit and correct a configuration by hand, see “[Reconcile Fabric Parameters Individually](#)” on page 204.

1. Verify that the FTP service is running on the host workstation.
2. Log into a switch in the known working fabric as admin.
3. Run the `configupload` command.
4. Name the text file something relevant and save it to a host.
5. Open a new telnet session and log into the segmented switch as admin.
6. Shut down the switch by entering the `switchdisable` command.
7. Enter `configdownload` at the command line. The command becomes interactive and prompts appear for the required information.
8. Select “y” at the `Do you want to continue [y/n]` prompt.  
A download complete message displays.
9. (Optional) Use the `configure` command to preset the Domain ID (as opposed to letting it be chosen at random).
10. Reboot the switch by entering the `reboot` command.
11. Repeat this procedure on all switches that have incorrect fabric parameters.

## Reconcile a Domain ID Conflict

When a Domain ID conflict appears, the conflict is only reported at the point where the two fabrics are physically connected. However, there may be several conflicting Domain IDs, which will appear as soon as the initial conflict is resolved. Repeat the process described below until all Domain ID conflicts are resolved.

1. Enter the `switchshow` command on a switch from one of the fabrics.
2. Open a separate telnet window.
3. Enter the `switchshow` command on a switch from the second fabric.
4. Compare the `switchshow` output from the two fabrics. Note the number of Domain ID conflicts. There may be several duplicate Domain IDs that will need to be changed.

5. Choose the fabric on which to change the duplicate Domain ID; log into the conflicting switch in that fabric.
6. Enter the `switchdisable` command.
7. Enter the `switchenable` command.  
This will enable the joining switch to obtain a new Domain ID as part of the process of coming online. The fabric principal switch will allocate the next available Domain ID to the new switch during this process.
8. Repeat steps 5 through 7 if additional switches have conflicting Domain IDs.

## Zoning Setup Issues

The following sections cover various sources of zoning setup issues.

### Zoning Related Commands

**Table 14: Zoning Related Commands**

Command	Function
<code>switchshow</code>	Displays currently enabled configuration and any E_port segmentations due to zone conflicts.
<code>licenseshow</code>	Displays current license keys and associated (licensed) products.

**Table 15: Zone Specific Commands**

Command	Function
<code>cfgcreate</code>	Use to create a zone configuration.
<code>cfgshow</code>	Displays zoning configuration.
<code>zoneadd</code>	Use to add a member to an existing zone.
<code>zoneshow</code>	Displays zone information.
<code>zonecreate</code>	Use to create a zone. Before a zone becomes active, the <code>zonesave</code> and <code>cfgenable</code> commands must be used.
<code>alicreate</code>	Use to create a zone alias.
<code>alidelete</code>	Use to delete a zone alias.
<code>zonehelp</code>	Displays help information for zone commands.

Refer to the *HP StorageWorks Zoning Version 3.1.x/4.1.x User Guide* for information about setting up zoning and preventing segmentation due to zoning.

## Fabric Merge Conflicts Related to Zoning

The following sections cover fabric merge conflicts related to zoning.

### Prevention

To prevent fabric segmentations, refer to the *HP StorageWorks Zoning Version 3.1.x/4.1.x User Guide* for setup information. In addition, fabric merges can be tested prior to merging using Fabric Manager. Refer to the *HP StorageWorks Fabric Manager Version 3.0.x User Guide* for more information.

There are three types of zone configuration discrepancies that can cause segmentation as described in [Table 16](#).

**Table 16: Types of Zone Discrepancies**

Conflict Cause	Description
Configuration mismatch	Occurs when Zoning is enabled in both fabrics and the zone configurations that are enabled are different in each fabric.
Type mismatch	Occurs when the name of a zone object in one fabric is also used for a different type of zone object in the other fabric.
Content mismatch	Occurs when the definition of a zone object in one fabric is different from the definition of a zone object with the same name in the other fabric.

## Basic Zone Merge Correction Procedure



**Caution:** This is a disruptive procedure. To correct a merge conflict without disrupting the fabric, see “[Detailed Zone Merge Correction Procedure](#)” on page 208 or the *HP StorageWorks Zoning Version 3.1.x/4.1.x User Guide*.

To quickly correct a fabric merge problem due to incompatible zones, perform the following steps:

1. Determine which switches have the incorrect configuration and log into the switch as admin.

2. Enter the `cfgDisable` command.
3. Enter the `cfgClear` command.



**Caution:** Be careful when using the `cfgclear` command because you can inadvertently delete the Zone configuration in the fabric. Make sure you are deleting the “incorrect” configuration.

4. Enter the `switchdisable` command.
5. Enter the `switchenable` command. This automatically evokes the `cfgSave` command.  
The two fabrics will be remerged.
6. See “[Detailed Zone Merge Correction Procedure](#)” on page 208 for more detailed troubleshooting instructions.

## Detailed Zone Merge Correction Procedure

For more information regarding Zoning, refer to the *HP StorageWorks Zoning Version 3.1.x/4.1.x User Guide*.

For detailed troubleshooting of zone merge issues, follow the steps below.

### Verify Fabric Merge Problem

1. Enter the `switchshow` command at the command line to validate that the segmentation is due to a zone issue.
2. See “[Zoning Setup Issues](#)” on page 206 to view the different types of zone discrepancies.

### Edit Zone Config Members

3. Log into one of the segmented Fabrics as admin.
4. Enter the `cfgshow` command.  
Typing the “\*” symbol after the command displays list of all config names.
5. Print the output from the `cfgShow` command.
6. Start another Telnet session and log into the next fabric as admin.
7. Run the `cfgShow` command.
8. Print the output from the `cfgShow` command.

9. Compare the two fabric zone configurations line by line and look for incompatible configuration. See “[Fabric Merge Conflicts Related to Zoning](#)” on page 207 for definitions.
10. Log into one of the Fabrics.
11. Run zone configure edit commands to edit the fabric zone configuration for the segmented switch. Refer to the *HP StorageWorks Zoning Version 3.1.x/4.1.x User Guide* for specific commands.

## Reorder the Zone Member List

If the zoneset members between two switches are not listed in the same order in both configurations, the configurations are considered a mismatch. This results in the switches being segmented in the fabric. For example:

`[cfg1 = z1; z2]` is different from `[cfg1 = z2; z1]`, even though the members of the configuration are the same.

One simple approach to making sure that the zoneset members are in the same order is to keep the members in alphabetical order.

12. Use the output from the `cfgshow` for both switches.
13. Compare the order that the zone members are listed. Members must be listed in the same order.
14. Rearrange zone members so that the configuration for both switches is the same. Arrange zone members in alphabetical order, if possible.
15. Continue to the next step if all zone members appear to be the same and are displayed in the same order.

## MQ-WRITE Error

An MQ error is a message queue error. Identify an MQ error message by looking for the two letters M and Q in the error message.

### Example:

```
<switch number> Critical MQ-QREAD, 1, mqRead, queue = <?>, queue ID =
<queue ID#>, tmsg = ?>, errno = <error number>
```

MQ errors can result in devices dropping from the Simple Name Server or can prevent a switch from joining the fabric. MQ errors are rare and difficult to troubleshoot, and it is suggested that they be resolved by working with the switch

supplier. When MQ errors are encountered, execute the `supportShow` command to capture debug information about the switch. Then forward the `supportShow` data to the switch supplier for further investigation.

## i2C bus Errors

The following sections cover troubleshooting i2C bus errors.

### Possible Causes

i2C bus errors indicate defective hardware, and the specific item is listed in the error message. Refer to the *HP StorageWorks Diagnostic and System Error Message Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide* for information specific to the error that was received. Specifically, some CPT and Environmental Monitor (EM) messages contain i2C-related information.

### Troubleshooting the Hardware

If the i2C message does not indicate the specific hardware that may be failing, begin debugging the hardware, as this is the most likely cause.

#### Check Fan Components

1. Log into the switch as User.
2. Enter `fanshow` at the command line.
3. Check the Fan status and speed output.

If any of the fan speeds display abnormal RPMs, replace the fan FRU.

#### Check the Switch Temperature

1. Log into the switch as User.
2. Enter `tempshow` at the command line.
3. Check the temperature output.

Look for indications of high or low temperatures.

#### Check the Power Supply

1. Log into the switch as User.
2. Enter the `psshow` command at the command line.

Check the power supply status. Refer to the *HP StorageWorks Fabric OS Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide* or refer to the switch installation guide supplied with your specific switch (the installation guide is also available on the v3.1.x or v4.1.x Software CD) for details regarding the power supply status.

If any of the power supplies show a status other than OK, consider replacing the power supply as soon as possible.

### **Check the Temperature, Fan, and Power Supply**

1. Log into the switch as User.
2. Enter `sensorshow` at the command line. Refer to the *HP StorageWorks Fabric OS Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide* for details regarding the sensor numbers.
3. Check the temperature output.

Look for indications of high or low temperatures.

4. Check the Fan speed output.  
If any of the fan speeds display abnormal RPMs, replace the fan FRU.
5. Check the Power Supply status.  
If any of the power supplies show a status other than OK, consider replacing the power supply as soon as possible.

## Device Login Issues

In narrowing down problems with device logins, use the following commands:

1. Log into the switch.
2. Enter the `switchShow` command. Check for correct logins.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> switchshow
switchName:      switch
switchType:      16.2
switchState:     Online
switchMode:      Native
switchRole:      Subordinate
switchDomain:    7
switchId:        fffc07
switchWwn:       10:00:00:60:69:c0:0e:88
switchBeacon:    OFF
zoning:          ON (cfg1)
port  0: id N2 Online           E-Port 10:00:00:60:69:c0:0f:04 "web189"
(upstream)

port  1: id N2 No_Light
port  2: id N2 No_Light
port  3: id N2 No_Light
port  4: id N2 No_Light
port  5: id N2 No_Light
port  6: id N2 No_Light
port  7: id N2 No_Light
switch:admin>
```

3. Enter the `portconfigShow` command to see how the port is configured.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> portcfgshow
Ports          0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7
-----+---+---+---+---+---+---+
Speed        2G 2G 2G 2G   2G 2G 2G 2G
Trunk Port    ... .. ON ON   ON ON ON ON
Long Distance ... ... ...
VC link init  ... ... ...
Locked L_Port  ... ... ...
Locked G_Port  ... ... ...
Disabled E_Port ... ... ...
Persistent Disable ... ... ...
ISL R_RDY Mode ... ... ... ON ... ON ...
where AN:AutoNegotiate, ...:OFF, ???:INVALID.
LM:L0.5
switch:admin>
```

4. Enter the `portErrShow` command. Check for errors that may cause login problems.
  - A high number of errors relative to the frames transmitted and frame received may indicate a marginal link. See “[Marginal Links](#)” on page 234.
  - A steadily increasing number of errors may indicate a problem. Track errors by sampling the port errors every five or ten seconds.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> portflagsshow
Port   SNMP      Physical    Flags
-----
0: Offline  No_Module  PRESENT U_PORT LED
1: Offline  No_Module  PRESENT U_PORT LED
2: Offline  No_Light   PRESENT U_PORT LED
3: Offline  No_Light   PRESENT U_PORT LED
4: Offline  No_Light   PRESENT U_PORT LED
5: Offline  No_Module  PRESENT U_PORT LED
6: Offline  No_Module  PRESENT U_PORT LED
7: Offline  No_Module  PRESENT U_PORT LED
8: Offline  No_Module  PRESENT U_PORT LED
9: Offline  No_Module  PRESENT U_PORT LED
10: Offline No_Module  PRESENT U_PORT LED
11: Offline No_Module  PRESENT U_PORT LED
12: Offline No_Module  PRESENT U_PORT LED
13: Offline No_Module  PRESENT U_PORT LED
14: Offline No_Module  PRESENT U_PORT LED
15: Offline No_Module  PRESENT U_PORT LED
16: Online   UNKNOWN    PRESENT ACTIVE G_PORT U_PORT
switch:admin>
```

5. Enter the `portFlagsShow` command to see how a port has logged in and where a login failed, if a failure occurred.

**Example:**

```
13: Online    In_Sync      PRESENT ACTIVE E_PORT G_PORT U_PORT SEGMENTED CBL_LB L
OGIN LED
14: Online    In_Sync      PRESENT ACTIVE E_PORT G_PORT U_PORT SEGMENTED CBL_LB L
OGIN LED
15: Online    In_Sync      PRESENT ACTIVE F_PORT L_PORT U_PORT LOGIN NOELP LED AC
CEPT
16: Online    In_Sync      PRESENT ACTIVE E_PORT G_PORT U_PORT SEGMENTED CBL_LB L
OGIN LED
```

6. Enter `portlogdump [ , saved[ , portid] ]`

View the device to switch communication.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> portlogdump 41
time          task        event   port cmd args
-----
16:44:21.490  PORT       Rx      41   40
02fffffd,00fffffd,0005ffff,14000000
16:44:21.490  PORT       Tx      41   0    c0fffffd,00fffffd,00050541
16:44:32.503  PORT       Tx      41   40
02fffffd,00fffffd,0542ffff,14000000
16:44:32.506  PORT       Rx      41   0    c0fffffd,00fffffd,05420006
16:44:35.993  PORT       Rx      5    40
02fffffd,00fffffd,0a49ffff,14000000
16:44:35.993  PORT       Tx      5    0    c0fffffd,00fffffd,0a490543
16:44:35.997  PORT       Tx      5    40
02fffffd,00fffffd,0544ffff,14000000
16:44:36.000  PORT       Rx      5    0    c0fffffd,00fffffd,05440a4a
16:44:42.340  PORT       Rx      41   40
02fffffd,00fffffd,0009ffff,14000000
16:44:42.340  PORT       Tx      41   0    c0fffffd,00fffffd,00090545
switch:admin>
```

## Watchdog (Best Practices)

Watchdog is a subset of the Kernel Error Reporting Software. It is a feature that reports unexpected and fatal errors when a switch dies. The Watchdog feature ensures that the switch will not send corrupted data when the software is not properly performing its function.

The ASIC has a Watchdog register that needs to be probed by the Fabric OS once every two seconds. If the ASIC detects that the Fabric OS is hung, the ASIC will wait for an additional two seconds before resetting the CPU. The switch will always reboot or fail over when a Watchdog error occurs.

## Actions

In the event of a Watchdog error, perform the following steps:

- Collect the output of the `supportshow` command and contact Technical Support.
- (Optional) Turn on `settasklogmode` in the event of a Watchdog error; this will allow more information to be collected. Do not enable this mode by default as it will slow traffic.
- See specific error message for additional actions. See “[Kernel Software Watchdog Related Errors](#)” on page 217.

## Kernel Software Watchdog Related Errors

This section describes the kernel software Watch Dog-related errors.

### kSWD-APP\_NOT\_REFRESH\_ERR

**Message** Critical kSWD-APP\_NOT\_REFRESH\_ERR, 1, (kSWD)Application with pid <PID number> not refreshing watchdog.

**Explanation** A critical kernel software error occurred in the Watch Dog subsystem. A kernel application is not able to refresh. See the specified PID number to find out which application is failing. The switch will reboot (on single-CP switches) or fail-over (on dual-CP switches).

**Action** Run the `savecore` command to find if a Core File was created. If a Core File is found, select the *FTP the file* option.

Copy the error message and contact customer support.

**Severity** Critical

### kSWD-kSWD\_GENERIC\_ERR\_CRITICAL

**Message** Critical kSWD-kSWD\_GENERIC\_ERR\_CRITICAL, 1, kSWD: <error string>

**Explanation** A critical application error was reported in the Watch Dog subsystem. Refer to the string at the end of the error message for specific information. The switch will reboot (on single-CP switches) or fail-over (on dual-CP switches).

**Action** Run the `savecore` command to find out whether a Core File was created. If a Core File is found, select the *FTP the file* option.

Copy the error message and contact customer support.

**Severity** Critical

## Identifying Media-Related Issues

Use the following section to narrow down media-related issues in the fabric.

### Component Tests Overview

Hardware diagnostics available on switches can be classified into two different types of tests:

- Structural tests - do basic tests of the switch circuit. When structural tests fail, replace the main board.
- Functional tests - verify the intended operational behavior of the switch by running frames through ports or bypass circuitry.

**Table 17: Component Test Descriptions**

Test Name	Operands	Checks
crossporttest	<code>[-nframes count] [-lb_mode mode][-spd_mode mode] [-gbic_mode mode] [-norestore mode] [-ports itemlist]</code>	Functional test of port external transmit and receive path.  The <b>crossport</b> is set to loopback using an external cable by default. However, this command can be used to check internal components by setting the <b>/b</b> operand to 5.
fporttest	<code>[-nframes count] [-ports itemlist] [-seed payload_pattern] [-width pattern_width] [-size pattern_size]</code>	Tests component to/from HBA. Used to test online F_Port devices, N_Port devices and SFPs/GBICs.
loopporttest	<code>[-nframes count] [-ports itemlist][-seed payload_pattern] [-width pattern_width]</code>	Only tests components attached to switch that are on a FC arbitrated loop.
spinfab	<code>[ nMillionFrames [, ePortBeg [, ePortEnd [, setFail]]]]</code>	Tests components to/from a neighbor switch, such as ISLs and SFPs/GBICs between switches.

## Check Switch Components

The following sections describe how to troubleshoot the switch components.

### Cursory Debugging of Media Components

The following procedure describes basic steps that can help to narrow down faulty media.

1. Log into the switch as admin.
2. Enter `switchshow` at the command line.  
Look for a known good portstate online or insync.
3. (Optional) Enter `version` at the command line.

The version can be used to check the known buglist in the appropriate Release Notes.

4. Enter `portErrShow` at the command line.  
A error summary of all ports is displayed.
5. Glance over the port statistics.
  - Most numbers should be small. An excessively large number (such as one over 100,000) could indicate a bad transceiver.
  - Also check for rapidly rising error counts.

Tip: The LLI\_errs (Low Level Interrupt\_errors) are the sum of the port's eight statistical error counters: ENC\_in, CRC\_err, TruncFrm, FrmTooLong, BadEOF, Enc\_out, BadOrdSet, and DiscC3. Check `portErrShow` output to determine what generated the LLI\_errs.

6. (Optional) Run tests if you still suspect a media problem.
  - To test components to and from a neighbor switch, see “[Test Cascaded Switch ISL Links](#)” on page 220.
  - To test a port’s external transmit and receive path, see “[Check Port’s External Transmit and Receive Path](#)” on page 225.
  - To test the internal components of a suspect switch, see “[Test a Switches Internal Components](#)” on page 222.
  - To test the components between a switch and a hub (and back), see “[Test Components To and From the HBA](#)” on page 222.

- To check all switches attached components (on an FC loop), see “[Check All Switch Components Between Main Board, SFP, and Fiber Cable](#)” on page 223.
- To check all of a port’s attached components (on an FC loop), see “[Check Port’s External Transmit and Receive Path](#)” on page 225.
- To view a list of additional component tests, see “[Additional Component Tests](#)” on page 228.

## Test Cascaded Switch ISL Links

To test components to/from a neighbor switch:

1. Log into the switch as admin.
2. Enter the `spinfab` command with the following operands (refer to the *HP StorageWorks Fabric OS Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide* for more details).

<b><code>[-nmegs count]</code></b>	Specify the number of frames to send in millions.
<b><code>[-ports list]</code></b>	(Optional) Specify a list of user ports to test.
<b><code>[-setfail mode]</code></b>	Specify a value 1 to mark failing ports as BAD, specify a value of 0 to <i>not</i> mark failed ports as bad.
<b><code>[-domain value]</code></b>	(Optional) Specify a specific remote domain to which the switch is connected.

### Example:

```
switch:admin> setdbg "DIAG", 0
switch:admin> spinfab 3,0,4

spinfab running...

spinfab: Completed 3 megs, status: passed.
        port 0 test status: 0x00000000 --  passed.
        port 1 test status: 0x00000000 --  passed.
        port 2 test status: 0x00000000 --  passed.
        port 3 test status: 0x00000000 --  passed.
        port 4 test status: 0x02000000 --  SKIPPED!
```

```
switch:admin> setdbg "DIAG", 2
switch:admin> spinfab 3,0,3

spinFab running...
port 1 Rx 1 million frames.
port 0 Rx 1 million frames.
port 2 Rx 1 million frames.
port 3 Rx 1 million frames.
port 1 Rx 2 million frames.
port 0 Rx 2 million frames.
port 2 Rx 2 million frames.
port 3 Rx 2 million frames.
port 1 Rx 3 million frames.
port 0 Rx 3 million frames.
port 2 Rx 3 million frames.
port 3 Rx 3 million frames.

spinFab: Completed 3 megs, status: passed.
        port 0 test status: 0x00000000 -- passed.
        port 1 test status: 0x00000000 -- passed.
        port 2 test status: 0x00000000 -- passed.
        port 3 test status: 0x00000000 -- passed.

switch:admin>
```

## Test a Port's External Transmit and Receive Path

1. Log into the switch as admin.
2. Enter the `crossporttest` command with the following operand.

(This is a partial list. Refer to the *HP StorageWorks Fabric OS Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide* for more information).

- |                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b><code>[-nframes count]</code></b> | Specify the number of frames to send.   |
| <b><code>[-lb_mode mode]</code></b>  | Select the loopback point for the test. |

<b>[-spd_mode mode]</b>	Select the speed mode for the test.
<b>[-ports itemlist]</b>	Specify a list of user ports to test.

**Example:**

```
switch:admin> crossporttest  
Running Cross Port Test .... passed.
```

## Test a Switches Internal Components

To use the `crossporttest` command to test a switch's internal components:

1. Log into the switch as admin.
2. Enter the `crossporttest -lb_mode 5` command.

Where `5` is the operand that causes the test to be run on the internal switch components.

(This is a partial list. Refer to the *HP StorageWorks Fabric OS Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide* for more information.)

<b>[-nframes count]</b>	Specify the number of frames to send.
<b>[-lb_mode mode]</b>	Select the loopback point for the test.
<b>[-spd_mode mode]</b>	Select the speed mode for the test.
<b>[-ports itemlist]</b>	Specify a list of user ports to test.

## Test Components To and From the HBA

1. Log into the switch as admin.
2. Enter the `fPortTest` command with the following operands (refer to the *HP StorageWorks Fabric OS Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide* for details).

<i>[passCount]</i>	Specify the number of times (or number of frames per port) to execute this test (default is infinite or until you click <b>Enter</b> ).
<i>[port_number]</i>	Specify the port on which to run to test (F_Port by default).
<i>[payload_pattern]</i>	Specify the pattern of the test packets payload.

[pattern\_width]      Specify the width of the pattern which the user specified—it could be 1, 2, or 4 (which are byte, word, or quad).

[pattern\_size]      Specify the number of words in test packet payload (default is 512).

The following example executed fPortTest 100 times on port 8 with payload pattern 0xaa55, pattern width 2 (meaning word width), and default payload size 512 bytes.

**Example:**

```
switchname:admin> fPortTest 100,8,0xaa55,2, 512
Will use pattern: aa55 aa55 aa55 aa55 aa55 aa55 ...
Running fPortTest .....
port 8 test passed.
value = 0
```

## Check All Switch Components Between Main Board, SFP, and Fiber Cable

The following procedure exercises all the switch components from the main board --> SFP --> fiber cable --> SFP on the device --> back to main board.

1. Make sure all connected cables and SFPs are of the same technology (that is a short wavelength SFP switch port should be connected to another short wavelength device SFP through a short wavelength cable).
2. Log into the switch as admin.
3. Determine which ports are L-Ports by entering the `switchshow` command.
4. Enable ports for loopback mode by entering `loopporttest` `[--slot number] [-nframes count] [-ports itemlist] [-seed payload_pattern] [-width pattern_width]`.

Refer to the *HP StorageWorks Fabric OS Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide* for more information about the operands.

5. Create a frame F of data size (1024) bytes.
6. Transmit frame F via port M, with D\_ID to the FL port (AL\_PA = 0).
7. Pick up the frame from port M, the FL port.

8. Determine if any of the following statistic error counters are non-zero:  
ENC\_in, CRC\_err, TruncFrm, FrmTooLong, BadEOF, Enc\_out,  
BadOrdSet, DiscC3.
9. Determine if the transmit, receive, or class 3 receiver counters are stuck at a value.
10. Determine if the number of frames transmitted is not equal to the number of frames received.
11. Repeat steps 3 through 11 for all L-ports present until:
  - a. the number of frames requested is reached
  - b. all ports are marked bad
12. Look for errors. See the following list for possible errors.

### Possible Errors

One or more of the following errors may appear if failures are detected. Refer to the *HP StorageWorks Diagnostic and System Error Message Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide* to find details and actions for any errors that appear.

DATA  
INIT  
PORT\_DIED  
EPI1\_STATUS\_ERR  
ERR\_STAT  
ERR\_STATS\_2Long  
ERR\_STATS\_BADEOF  
ERR\_STATS\_BADOF  
ERR\_STATS\_C3DISC  
ERR\_STATS\_CRC  
ERR\_STATS\_ENCIN  
ERR\_STATS\_ENCOUT  
ERR\_STATS\_TRUNC  
ERR\_STAT\_2LONG  
ERR\_STAT\_BADEOF  
ERR\_STAT\_BADOS

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```
ERR_STAT_C3DISC
ERR_STAT_CRC
ERR_STAT_ENCIN
ERR_STAT_ENCOUNT
ERR_STAT_TRUNC
FDET_PERR
FINISH_MSG_ERR
FTPRT_STATUS_ERR
MBUF_STATE_ERR
MBUF_STATUS_ERR
NO_SEGMENT
PORT_ABSENT
PORT_ENABLE
PORT_M2M
PORT_STOPPED
PORT_WRONG
RXQ_FAM_PERR
RXQ_RAM_PERR
STATS
STATS_C3FRX
STATS_FTX
TIMEOUT
XMIT
```

## Check Port's External Transmit and Receive Path

The following procedure exercises the path of a loop from the port N transmitter, along the parallel loopback path, and back to the same N port transmitter. Loopback adapters are optional for this test.

This test does *not* exercise the SFP or the fibre cable. This test only checks components that are attached to the switch and that are on a FC arbitrated loop.

1. Log in as admin.

2. Disable the switch by entering `switchdisable` at the command line.
3. Enter `portloopbacktest [passcount]` to set all ports for parallel loopback.

Refer to the *HP StorageWorks Fabric OS Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide* for detailed information about the optional operand.

4. Transmit frame F through port N.
5. Pick up the frame from the same port N.
6. Check the following statistic error counters for non-zero values:  
`ENC_in, CRC_err, TruncFrm, FrmTooLong, BadEOF, Enc_Out, BadOrdSet, DiscC3`
7. Check if the transmit, receive, or class 3 receiver counter are stuck at a value.
8. Check if the number of frames transmitted is not equal to the number of frames received.
9. Repeat steps 3 through 7 for all ports present until:
  - The number of frames (or passCount) requested is reached.
  - All ports are marked as bad.

#### Possible Errors

One or more of the following errors may appear if failures are detected. Refer to the *HP StorageWorks Diagnostic and System Error Message Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide* to find details and actions for any errors that appear.

DIAG-INIT  
DIAG-PORTDIED  
DIAG\_XMIT  
DIAG-TIMEOUT  
DIAG\_ERRSTAT  
DIAG-STATS  
DIAG-DATA

## Check all Switch Components of the Port Transmit and Receive Path

The following procedure exercises all the switch components from the main board --> SFP --> fibre cable --> back to SFP --> back to main board.

1. Make sure all cables used for connected port and SFPs are of the same technology (i.e., a short wavelength SFP switch port should be connected to another short wavelength device SPF through a short wavelength cable).
2. Connect ports from different ASICs, if possible (for example, connect port 1 through port 7).
3. Log into the switch as admin.
4. Enter `switchdisable` if the switch should assume all ports are cable loopbacked (and test accordingly).  
or  
Leave the switch enabled if only cable loopbacked ports should be tested (and the rest ignored).
5. (Optional) Enter `setsfpemode` to limit the test to ports with that contain SFPs.

This mode must be disabled when test is complete.

6. Enable the ports for cabled loopback mode by entering `crossporttest` with the selected operands.

Refer to the *HP StorageWorks Fabric OS Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide* for details regarding the operands.

7. Create a frame F of maximum data size (2112 bytes).
8. Transmit frame F through port M.
9. Pick up the frame from its cross-connected port N. An error is reported if any port other than N actually receives the frame.
10. Determine if any of the following statistic error counters are non-zero:  
`ENC_in, CRC_err, TruncFrm, FrmTooLong, BadEOF, Enc_out, BadOrdSet, DiscC3`.
11. Determine if the transmit, receive, or class 3 receiver counters are stuck at a value.
12. Determine if the number of frames transmitted is not equal to the number of frames received.
13. Determine if the number of frames transmitted is not equal to the number of frames received.

14. Repeat steps 6 - 12 for all ports until:
  - the number of frames requested is reached.
  - all ports are marked bad.
15. (Optional) Disable SFP mode. If you entered `setsfpmode`, the mode remains in volatile memory until it is disabled. Enter `setsfpmode 0`.

## Additional Component Tests

The following list displays additional tests that can be used to determine those switch components that are not functioning properly. Refer to the *HP StorageWorks Fabric OS Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide* for details on these tests.

**Table 18: Switch Component Tests**

Test	Function
<code>portloopbacktest</code>	Functional test of port N->N path. See “ <a href="#">Check Port’s External Transmit and Receive Path</a> ” on page 225.
<code>portregtest</code>	A read and write test of the ASIC SRAMs and registers.
<code>spinsilk</code>	Functional test of internal and external transmit and receive paths at full speed.
<code>sramretentiontest</code>	Verifies that data written into the miscellaneous SRAMs in the ASIC are retained after a 10 second wait.
<code>crossporttest</code>	Verifies the functional components of the switch.
<code>turboramtest</code>	Verifies the on chip SRAM located in the 2 Gbit/sec ASIC using the Turbo-Ram BIST circuitry. These same SRAMs are tested by <code>portregtest</code> and <code>sramretentiontest</code> using PCI operations, but for this test, the BIST controller is able to perform the SRAM write and read operations at a much faster rate.
<code>statstest</code>	Verifies the 2 Gbit/sec ASIC statistics counter logic.
<b>Related Switch Test Command</b>	
<code>itemlist</code>	List parameter syntax and grammar information; restricts the items to be tested to a smaller set.

## Link Failure

A link failure occurs when a server or storage is connected to a switch, but the link between the server/storage and the switch does not come up. This prevents the server/storage from communicating through the switch.

## Possible Causes for Link Failure

If the `switchshow` command and/or the LED lights indicate that the link has not come up properly, follow the steps for one or more of the areas indicated below.

A link failure can be caused by one of the following reasons:

- [Switch State](#), page 229
- [Port's Physical State](#), page 230
- [Speed Negotiation Failure](#), page 230
- [Link Initialization Failure \(Loop\)](#), page 231
- [Port Has Come Up in a Wrong Mode](#), page 232

## Switch State

1. Enter the `switchshow` command.
2. Check the `switchState` entry in the `switchshow` command output.
3. Use the following list of switch states to determine the next step:

**Table 19: SwitchState and Actions to Take**

SwitchState	Action
Online	The state of the switch is ok. Move on to check the " <a href="#">Port's Physical State</a> " on page 230.
Offline	Enable the switch by entering the <code>switchenable</code> command.
Testing	Wait for the switch to complete its test.
Faulty	Check the condition of the switch. Enter the <code>switchStatusShow</code> and <code>errShow</code> or <code>errDump</code> commands and identify the malfunctioning parts. Refer to the <i>HP StorageWorks Fabric OS Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide</i> for more information.

## Port's Physical State

1. Enter the `switchshow` command.
2. Check the port and state columns in the `switchshow` output.
3. Use the following list to determine the next step:

**Table 20: Port States and Suggested Actions**

Port State	Action
Online	The port physical state is OK. If the link has not come up, go to " <a href="#">Port Has Come Up in a Wrong Mode</a> " on page 232.
No_Card	Check the SFP/GBIC.
No_Module	Check the SFP/GBIC.
No_Light	Check the physical contact and the cabling.
No_Sync	The port is receiving light but out of sync. Move on to " <a href="#">Speed Negotiation Failure</a> " on page 230.
In_Sync	The port is in sync, but is not online. Move on to " <a href="#">Link Initialization Failure (Loop)</a> " on page 231.
Laser_Flt	Check the physical contact and the cabling.
Port_Flt	Check the physical condition of the port. See " <a href="#">Identifying Media-Related Issues</a> " on page 218.
Diag_Flt	Check the physical condition of the port. Enter the <code>diagShow</code> and <code>errShow</code> or <code>errDump</code> commands and identify the cause.
Testing	Wait for the completion of the test.

## Speed Negotiation Failure

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**Note:** Skip this section if the port speed is set to a static speed through the `portCfgSpeed` command.

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The port negotiates the link speed with the opposite side. The negotiation usually completes in 1-2 seconds; however, sometimes the speed negotiation fails.

Determine if the negotiation was successfully completed:

1. Enter the `portLogShow` or `portLogDump` command.
2. Check the events area of the output for the following information:

## 1 Gig example:

```
14:38:51.976 SPEE      sn      <Port#>    NC  00000001,00000000,00000001
```

## 2 Gig example:

```
14:39:39.227 SPEE      sn      <Port#>    NC  00000002,00000000,00000001
```

- The sn field indicates a speed negotiation.
- The NC field indicates Negotiation Complete.
- The 01 or 02 fields indicate the speed that has been negotiated.

If these fields do not appear, move on to [step 3](#).

3. Correct the negotiation by entering the `portCfgSpeed [slotnumber/]portnumber, speed_level` command if the fields above do not appear.

## Link Initialization Failure (Loop)

1. Verify the port is an L\_Port.
  - a. Enter the `switchShow` command.
  - b. Check the comment field of the output to verify that the switch port indicates an L\_Port. If a loop device is connected to the switch, the switch port must be initialized as an L\_Port.
2. Verify the loop initialization *if* the port is not an L\_port.
  - a. Enter the `portLogShow` or `portLogDump` command.
  - b. Check the event area for a loopscn entry with command code BMP.

### Example:

```
14:35:12.866 tReceive  loopscn  <Port#>  BMP  10f5cbc0
```

The loopscn entry display indicates that the loop initialization is complete.

3. Skip point-to-point initialization.

StorageWorks SAN switches switch the point-to-point initialization after the Loop Initialization Soft Assigned (LISA) phase of the loop initialization. This behavior sometimes causes trouble with old HBAs. If this is the case:

- Skip point-to-point initialization by using the `portCfgLport` Command.

## Point-to-Point Initialization Failure

1. Confirm that the port is active

If a Fabric device or another switch is connected to the switch, the switch port must be active.

- a. Enter the `portLogShow` or `portLogDump` commands.
- b. Verify that the State Change Notification (SCN) code is 1. An SCN of 1 indicates that the port is active.

### Example:

```
13:25:12.506 PORT      SCN      <Port#>      1
```

2. Skip over the loop initialization phase

After becoming an active port, the port becomes an F\_Port or an E\_Port, depending on the device on the opposite side. If the opposite device is a Fabric device, the port becomes an F\_Port. If the opposite device is another switch, the port becomes an E\_Port.

Some Fabric devices have problem with loop initialization. If this is the case, perform the following step:

- Enter the `portCfgGport` command.

## Port Has Come Up in a Wrong Mode

1. Enter the `switchShow` command.
2. Check the comment fields for the following output and follow the suggested actions.

**Table 21: SwitchShow Output and Suggested Action**

Output	Suggested Action
Disabled	Enter the <code>portEnable</code> command.
Bypassed	Check the output from the <code>portLogShow</code> or <code>portLogDump</code> commands and identify the link initialization stage where the initialization procedure went wrong.
Loopback	Check the output from the <code>portLogShow</code> /PortLogDump commands and identify the link initialization stage where the initialization procedure went wrong.

**Table 21: SwitchShow Output and Suggested Action (Continued)**

Output	Suggested Action
E_port	If the opposite side is not another switch, the link has come up in a wrong mode. Check the output from the <code>portLogShow</code> / <code>PortLogDump</code> commands and identify the link initialization stage where the initialization procedure went wrong.
F_port	If the opposite side of the link is a fabric device, the link has come up in a wrong mode. Check the output from the <code>portLogShow</code> or <code>PortLogDump</code> commands.
G_port	The port has not come up as an E_port or F_port. Check the output from the <code>portLogShow</code> or <code>PortLogDump</code> commands and identify the link initialization stage where the initialization procedure went wrong.
L_port	If the opposite side is <i>not</i> a loop device, the link has come up in a wrong mode. Check the output from the <code>portLogShow</code> or <code>PortLogDump</code> commands and identify the link initialization stage where the initialization procedure went wrong.

## Marginal Links

A marginal link involves the connection between the switch and the edge device. Isolating the exact cause of a marginal link involves analyzing and testing many of the components that make up the link: switch port, switch SFP, cable, the edge device, and the edge device SFP.

## Confirming the Problem

The following steps provide a brief overview of possible steps to troubleshoot a marginal link.

1. Enter the `portErrShow` command.

### Example:

```
switch:admin> porterrshow
      frames   enc   crc   too   too   bad   enc disc link loss loss frjt fbsy
      tx     rx   in   err shrt long eof   out   c3 fail sync
sig=====
0:    22    24    0    0    0    0    0  1.5m    0    7    3    0    0    0
1:    22    24    0    0    0    0    0  1.2m    0    7    3    0    0    0
2:     0     0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0
3:     0     0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0
4:  149m  99m    0    0    0    0    0    0  448    0    7    6    0    0    0
5:  149m  99m    0    0    0    0    0    0  395    0    7    6    0    0    0
6:  147m  99m    0    0    0    0    0    0  706    0    7    6    0    0    0
7:  150m  99m    0    0    0    0    0    0  160    0    7    5    0    0    0
8:     0     0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0
9:     0     0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0
10:    0     0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0
11:    0     0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    2    0
12:    0     0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    2    0
13:    0     0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    2    0
14:    0     0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    2    0
15:    0     0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0
32:    0     0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0
33:    0     0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0
```

```

34: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
35: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
36: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
37: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
38: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
39: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
40: 99m 146m 0 0 0 0 0 666 0 6 796 7 0 0
41: 99m 149m 0 0 0 0 0 15k 0 2 303 4 0 0
42: 99m 152m 0 0 0 0 0 665 0 2 221 5 0 0
43: 99m 147m 0 0 0 0 0 16k 0 2 144 4 0 0
44: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
45: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
46: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0
47: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

switch:admin>

```

2. Establish if there are a relatively high number of errors (such as CRC errors or ENC\_OUT errors), or if there are a steadily increasing number of errors to confirm a marginal link.

If high errors exist, see [step 3](#).

## Isolating the Areas

3. Move the suspected marginal port cable to a different port on the switch.
  - If the problem stops or goes away, the switch port or the SFP is marginal. Continue to [step 4](#)
  - If the problem does *not* stop or go away, see “[Ruling Out Cabling Issues](#)” on page 236 or “[Nx\\_Port \(Host or Storage\) Issues](#)” on page 236.
4. Replace the SFP on the marginal port.
5. Run the `portLoopBack` test on the marginal port. Refer to the *HP StorageWorks Fabric OS Version 3.1.x/4.1.x Reference Guide* or “[Troubleshooting the Hardware](#)” on page 210 for more information.

6. Check the results of the loopback test and proceed as follows:
  - If the loopback test failed, the port is bad. Replace the port card.
  - If the loopback test did not fail, the SFP was bad.

## Ruling Out Cabling Issues

7. Begin by performing the steps in “[Isolating the Areas](#)” on page 235.  
By now an SFP problem is ruled out.
8. Insert a new cable into the suspected marginal port.
9. Enter the `portErrShow` command to determine if a problem still exists.
  - If the `portErrShow` output displays a normal number of generated errors, the issue is solved.
  - If the `portErrShow` output still displays a high number of generated errors, move on to “[Nx\\_Port \(Host or Storage\) Issues](#)” on page 236.

## Nx\_Port (Host or Storage) Issues

10. Begin performing the steps in “[Isolating the Areas](#)” on page 235 and “[Ruling Out Cabling Issues](#)” on page 236.  
By now an SFP problem and a cable problem have been ruled out.
11. Follow the troubleshooting procedures for the host or storage device.

## glossary

This glossary defines terms used in this guide or related to this product and is not a comprehensive glossary of computer terms.

### **16-port card**

The Fibre Channel port card provided with the StorageWorks Core switch. Contains 16 Fibre Channel ports and the corresponding LEDs indicating port status and speed.

*See also* port card.

### **8b/10b Encoding**

An encoding scheme that converts each 8-bit byte into 10 bits. Used to balance ones and zeros in high-speed transports.

### **Access Control List**

Enables an organization to bind a specific WWN to a specific switch port or set of ports, preventing a port in another physical location from assuming the identity of a real WWN. May also refer to a list of the Read/Write access of a particular community string.

*See also* device connection controls.

### **Account Level Switches**

Refers to switches that have four login accounts into the operating system (in descending order): root, factory, admin, and user.

*See also* root account, factory account, admin account, and user account.

### **Address Identifier**

A 24-bit or 8-bit value used to identify the source or destination of a frame.

### **Admin Account**

A login account intended for use by the customer to control switch operation.

*See also* account level switches.

### **AL\_PA**

Arbitrated Loop Physical Address. A unique 8-bit value assigned during loop initialization to a port in an arbitrated loop.

**Alias**

An alternate name for an element or group of elements in the fabric. Aliases can be used to simplify the entry of port numbers and WWNs when creating zones.

**Alias Address Identifier**

An address identifier recognized by a port in addition to its standard identifier. An alias address identifier may be shared by multiple ports.

*See also* alias.

**Alias AL\_PA**

An AL\_PA value recognized by an L\_Port in addition to the AL\_PA assigned to the port.

*See also* AL\_PA.

**Alias Server**

A fabric software facility that supports multicast group management.

**ANSI**

American National Standards Institute. The governing body for Fibre Channel standards in the U.S.A.

**API**

Application Programming Interface. Defined protocol that allows applications to interface with a set of services.

**Arbitrated Loop**

A shared 100 or 200 MBps Fibre Channel transport structured as a loop. Can support up to 126 devices and one fabric attachment.

*See also* topology.

**Arbitrating State**

The state in which a port has become the loop master. This state is only available from the Open state.

**Area Number**

A number assigned to each potential port location in the StorageWorks Core switch. Used to distinguish StorageWorks Core switch ports that have the same port number but are on different port blades.

**ASIC**

Application Specific Integrated Circuit.

**ATM**

Asynchronous Transfer Mode. A transport used for transmitting data over LANs or WANs that transmit fixed-length units of data. Provides any-to-any connectivity, and allows nodes to transmit simultaneously.

**Auto-negotiate Speed**

Process that allows two devices at either end of a link segment to negotiate common features, speed (e.g., 1 or 2 Gbps) and functions.

**Autosense**

Process during which a network device automatically senses the speed of another device.

**AW\_TOV**

Arbitration Wait Time-out Value. The minimum time an arbitrating L\_Port waits for a response before beginning loop initialization.

**Backup FCS Switch**

Backup fabric configuration server switch. The switch or switches assigned as backup in case the primary FCS switch fails.

*See also* FCS switch, primary FCS switch.

**Bandwidth**

The total transmission capacity of a cable, link, or system. Usually measured in bps (bits per second). May also refer to the range of transmission frequencies available to a network.

*See also* throughput.

**BB\_Credit**

Buffer-to-buffer credit. The number of frames that can be transmitted to a directly connected recipient or within an arbitrated loop. Determined by the number of receive buffers available.

*See also* Buffer-to-buffer Flow Control, EE\_Credit.

**Beacon**

When all the port LEDs on a switch are set to flash from one side of the switch to the other, to enable identification of an individual switch in a large fabric. A switch can be set to beacon by telnet command or through Web Tools.

**Beaconing**

The state of the switches LEDs when the switch is set to Beacon.

*See also* Beacon.

**Beginning Running Disparity**

The disparity at the transmitter or receiver when the special character associated with an ordered set is encoded or decoded.

*See also* disparity.

**BER**

Bit Error Rate. The rate at which bits are expected to be received in error. Expressed as the ratio of error bits to total bits transmitted.

*See also* error.

**BISR**

Built-In Self Repair. Refers to the range of algorithms and circuit techniques to replace fault elements in a VLSI circuit with redundant fault-free ones.

*See also* BIST, CMBISR.

**BIST**

Built-In Self Test. The technique of designing circuits with additional logic which can be used to test proper operation of the primary (functional) logic.

*See also* BISR, CMBISR.

**Bit Synchronization**

*See* BER.

**Blade**

*See* 16-port card.

**Blind-mate Connector**

A two-way connector used in some switches to provide a connection between the motherboard and the power supply.

**Block**

As applies to Fibre Channel, upper-level application data that is transferred in a single sequence.

**Blower Assembly**

A fan that prevents a switch (or individual elements within a switch) from overheating.

**Boot Flash**

Flash memory that stores the boot code and boot parameters. The processor executes its first instructions from boot flash. Data is cached in RAM.

**Boot Monitor**

Code used to initialize the CP (control processor) environment after powering on. Identifies the amount of memory available and how to access it, and retrieves information about system buses.

**Broadcast**

The transmission of data from a single source to all devices in the fabric, regardless of zoning.

*See also* multicast, unicast.

**Buffer-to-buffer Flow Control**

Management of the frame transmission rate in either a point-to-point topology or in an arbitrated loop.

*See also* BB\_Credit.

**Cascade**

Two or more interconnected Fibre Channel switches. StorageWorks 1 Gb SAN switches (running Fabric OS V2) and later can be cascaded up to 239 switches, with a recommended maximum of seven interswitch links (no path longer than eight switches).

*See also* fabric, ISL.

**Chassis**

The metal frame in which the switch and switch components are mounted.

**Circuit**

An established communication path between two ports. Consists of two virtual circuits capable of transmitting in opposite directions.

*See also* link.

**Class 1**

Service that provides a dedicated connection between two ports (also called connection-oriented service), with notification of delivery or non-delivery.

**Class 2**

Service that provides multiplex and connectionless frame switching service between two ports, with notification of delivery or non-delivery.

**Class 3**

Service that provides a connectionless frame switching service between two ports, without notification of delivery or non-delivery of data. This service can also be used to provide a multicast connection between the originator and recipients, with notification of delivery or non-delivery.

**Class F**

Connectionless service for control traffic between switches, with notification of delivery or non-delivery of data between the E\_Ports.

**Class of Service**

A specified set of delivery characteristics and attributes for frame delivery.

**CLI**

Command line interface. Interface that depends entirely on the use of commands, such as through telnet or SNMP, and does not involve a Graphic User Interface (GUI).

**CLS**

Close Primitive Signal. Only in an Arbitrated Loop; sent by an L\_Port that is currently communicating on the loop, to close communication to an other L\_Port.

**CMBISR**

Central Memory Built-In Self Repair. Test and repair bad cells in the central memory. If a "fail" is reported, inform Tech Support and replace the board.

*See also* BIST, BISR.

**Comma**

A unique pattern (either 1100000 or 0011111) used in 8b/10b encoding to specify character alignment within a data stream.

*See also* K28.5.

**Community (SNMP)**

A relationship between a group of SNMP managers and an SNMP agent, in which authentication, access control, and proxy characteristics are defined.

*See also* SNMP.

**Compact Flash**

Flash memory that stores the run-time operating system and is used like hard disk storage. Not visible within the processor's memory space. Data is stored in file system format.

**Configuration**

How a system is set up. May refer to hardware or software.

- Hardware: The number, type, and arrangement of components that make up a system or network.
- Software: The set of parameters that guide switch operation. May include general system parameters, IP address information, Domain ID, and other information. Modifiable by any login with administrative privileges.

May also refer to a set of zones.

*See also* zone configuration.

**Connection Initiator**

A port that has originated a Class 1 dedicated connection and received a response from the recipient.

**Connection Recipient**

A port that has received a Class 1 dedicated connection request and transmitted a response to the originator.

**Control Panel**

Refers to the left-side panel of Web Tools, which accesses fabric-wide functions such as Zoning and Events.

**Core Switch**

A switch whose main task is to interconnect other switches.

*See also* SAN switch.

**CP Card**

Control Processor Card. The central processing unit of the StorageWorks Core switch, which contains two CP Card slots to provide redundancy. Provides Ethernet, serial, and modem ports with the corresponding LEDs.

**CRC**

Cyclic Redundancy Check. A check for transmission errors included in every data frame.

**Credit**

As applies to Fibre Channel, the number of receive buffers available for transmission of frames between ports.

*See also* BB\_Credit, EE\_Credit.

**CT\_HDR**

Common Transport Header. A header that conforms to the Fibre Channel Common Transport (FC\_CT) protocol.

**CT\_IU**

Common Transport Information Unit. An information unit that conforms to the Fibre Channel Common Transport (FC\_CT) protocol.

**Current Fill Word**

The fill word currently selected by the LPSM.

*See also* fill word, LPSM.

**Cut-through**

A switching technique that allows the route for a frame to be selected as soon as the destination address is received.

*See also* route.

**Data Word**

Type of transmission word that occurs within frames. The frame header, data field, and CRC all consist of data words.

*See also* frame, ordered set, transmission word.

**DB-9 connector**

A 9-pin version of the RS-232C port interface. May be either the male or female interface.

*See also* RS-232 port.

**dBm**

Logarithmic unit of power used in electronics. Indicates signal strength in decibels above the reference level, which is 1 milliwatt for dBm. An increase of 10 dBm or represents a 10-fold increase in power.

**DCE port**

A data communications equipment port capable of interfacing between a DTE (data terminal equipment) port and a transmission circuit. DTE devices with an RS-232 (or EIA-232) port interface transmit on pin 3, and receive on pin 2.

*See also* DTE port, RS-232 port.

**Defined Zone Configuration**

The set of all zone objects defined in the fabric. May include multiple zone configurations.

*See also* enabled zone configuration, zone configuration.

**Device Connection Controls**

Enables organizations to bind an individual device port to a set of one or more switch ports. Device ports are specified by a WWN and typically represent HBAs (servers).

*See also* access control lists.

**Device**

A disk, a RAID, or an HBA.

**Disparity**

The relationship of ones and zeros in an encoded character. “Neutral disparity” means an equal number of each, “positive disparity” means a majority of ones, and “negative disparity” means a majority of zeros.

**DLS**

Dynamic Load Sharing. Dynamic distribution of traffic over available paths. Allows for recomputing of routes when an Fx\_Port or E\_Port changes status.

**Domain ID**

As applies to HP StorageWorks switches, a unique number between 1 and 239 that identifies the switch to the fabric and is used in routing frames. Usually automatically assigned by the switch, but can be manually assigned.

**DTE port**

A data terminal equipment port capable of interfacing to a transmission circuit through a connection to a DCE (data communications equipment) port. DTE devices with an RS-232 (or EIA-232) port interface transmit on pin 3, and receive on pin 2 in a 9-pin connector (reversed in 25-pin connectors).

*See also* DCE port, RS-232 port.

**DWDM**

Dense Wavelength Multiplexing. A means to concurrently transmit more than one stream of data through a single fiber by modulating each stream of data onto a different wavelength of light.

**E\_D\_TOV**

Error Detect Time-out Value. The minimum amount of time a target waits for a sequence to complete before initiating recovery. Can also be defined as the maximum time allowed for a round-trip transmission before an error condition is declared.

*See also* R\_A\_TOV, RR\_TOV.

**E\_Port**

Expansion Port. A type of switch port that can be connected to an E\_Port on another switch to create an ISL.

*See also* ISL.

**EE\_Credit**

End-to-end Credit. The number of receive buffers allocated by a recipient port to an originating port. Used by Class 1 and 2 services to manage the exchange of frames across the fabric between source and destination.

*See also* End-to-end Flow Control, BB\_Credit.

**EIA Rack**

A storage rack that meets the standards set by the Electronics Industry Association.

**ELWL**

Extra Long Wave Length. Laser light with a periodic length greater than 1300 nm (e.g., 1420 or 1550). ELWL lasers are used to transmit Fibre Channel data over distances greater than 10 Km.

*Also known as* XLWL.

**Enabled Zone Configuration**

The currently enabled zone configuration. Only one configuration can be enabled at a time.

*See also* defined zone configuration, zone configuration.

**End-to-end Flow Control**

Governs flow of class 1 and 2 frames between N\_Ports.

*See also* EE\_Credit.

**Entry Fabric**

Basic HP license that allows one E\_Port per switch. Not supported by StorageWorks Core switches.

**Error**

As applies to Fibre Channel, a missing or corrupted frame, time-out, loss of synchronization, or loss of signal (link errors).

*See also* loop failure.

**ESD**

Electrostatic Discharge.

**Exchange**

The highest level Fibre Channel mechanism used for communication between N\_Ports. Composed of one or more related sequences, and can work in either one or both directions.

**Extended Fabric**

An HP product that runs on Fabric OS and allows creation of a Fibre Channel fabric interconnected over distances of up to 100 kilometers.

Extended Fabric is a means of allowing the implementation and management of SANs over extended distances. This is achieved by adjusting the Buffer-to-Buffer Credits to guaranteed allocation of buffers to specific ports.

**F\_Port**

Fabric Port. A port that is able to transmit under fabric protocol and interface over links. Can be used to connect an N\_Port to a switch.

*See also* FL\_Port, Fx\_Port.

**Fabric**

A Fibre Channel network containing two or more interconnected switches in addition to hosts and devices. May also be referred to as a switched fabric.

*See also* topology, SAN, cascade.

**Fabric Access**

An HP product that consists of a set of APIs that allow third party applications to interface with Fabric OS.

Fabric Access allows the application to control the fabric directly for functions such as discovery, access (zoning), management, performance, and switch control. Consists of a host-based library that interfaces the application to switches in the fabric over an out-of-band TCP/IP connection or in-band using an IP-capable Host Bus Adapter (HBA).

**Fabric Assist**

An HP feature that enables private and public hosts to access public targets anywhere on the fabric, provided they are in the same Fabric Assist zone. This feature is available only when both QuickLoop and Zoning are installed on the switch.

Fabric Assist is a means of allowing private hosts to communicate with public targets across a switched fabric. Fabric Assist also allows private hosts to communicate with private targets that are not resident on the same switch across a switched fabric.

*See also* QuickLoop.

**Fabric Configuration Server**

One or more designated HP switches that store and manage the configuration parameters for all other switches in the fabric. These switches are designated by WWN, and the list of designated switches is known fabric-wide.

**Fabric Manager**

An HP product that works in conjunction with Web Tools to provide a graphical user interface for managing switch groups (such as the SAN Switch Integrated/32) as a single unit, instead of as separate switches. Fabric Manager is installed on and run from a computer workstation.

**Fabric Name**

The unique identifier assigned to a fabric and communicated during login and port discovery.

**Fabric OS**

The proprietary operating system on HP StorageWorks switches.

**Fabric Watch**

An HP product that runs on Fabric OS and allows monitoring and configuration of fabric and switch elements.

Allows the SAN manager to monitor key fabric and switch elements, making it easy to quickly identify and escalate potential problems. It monitors each element for out-of-boundary values or counters and provides notification when defined boundaries are exceeded. The SAN manager can configure which elements, such as error, status, and performance counters, are monitored within an HP switch.

*See also* Fabric Manager.

**Factory Account**

A login used during manufacturing to initialize and test a switch and is not intended for customer use.

*See also* account level switches.

**Failover**

The act that causes control to pass from one redundant unit to another. In the StorageWorks Core switch one may failover from the currently Active Control Processor (CP) to the Standby CP.

**FAN**

Fabric access notification. Retains the AL\_PA and fabric address when loop re-initializes (if the switch supports FAN).

**FC-AL-3**

The Fibre Channel Arbitrated Loop standard defined by ANSI. Defined on top of the FC-PH standards.

**FC-FLA**

The Fibre Channel Fabric Loop Attach standard defined by ANSI.

**FCIA**

Fibre Channel Industry Association. An international organization of Fibre Channel industry professionals. Among other things, provides oversight of ANSI and industry developed standards.

**FCP**

Fibre Channel Protocol. Mapping of protocols onto the Fibre Channel standard protocols. For example, SCSI FCP maps SCSI-3 onto Fibre Channel.

**FC-PH-1, 2, 3**

The Fibre Channel Physical and Signaling Interface standards defined by ANSI.

**FC-PI**

The Fibre Channel Physical Interface standard defined by ANSI.

**FC-PLDA**

The Fibre Channel Private Loop Direct Attach standard defined by ANSI. Applies to the operation of peripheral devices on a private loop.

**FCS switch**

Fabric configuration server switch. One or more designated HP switches that store and manage the configuration parameters for all switches in the fabric. FCS switches are designated by WWN, and the list of designated switches is communicated fabric-wide.

*See also* backup FCS switch, primary FCS switch.

**FC-SW-2**

The second generation of the Fibre Channel Switch Fabric standard defined by ANSI. Specifies tools and algorithms for the interconnection and initialization of Fibre Channel switches in order to create a multi-switch Fibre Channel fabric.

**Fibre Channel Transport**

A protocol service that supports communication between Fibre Channel service providers.

*See also* FSP.

**FIFO**

First In, First Out. May also refer to a data buffer that follows the first in, first out rule.

**Fill Word**

An IDLE or ARB ordered set that is transmitted during breaks between data frames to keep the Fibre Channel link active.

**Firmware Download**

Loading firmware down from a server into a switch.

**Firmware**

The basic operating system provided with the hardware.

**FL\_Port**

Fabric Loop Port. A port that is able to transmit under fabric protocol and also has arbitrated loop capabilities. Can be used to connect an NL\_Port to a switch.

*See also F\_Port, Fx\_Port.*

**Flash Partition**

Two redundant usable areas, called “partitions,” into which firmware can be downloaded in the StorageWorks Core switch.

**Flash**

Programmable NVRAM memory that maintains its contents.

**FLOGI**

Fabric Login. The process by which an N\_Port determines whether a fabric is present, and if so, exchanges service parameters with it.

*See also PLOGI.*

**Frame**

The Fibre Channel structure used to transmit data between ports. Consists of a start-of-frame delimiter, header, any optional headers, the data payload, a cyclic redundancy check (CRC), and an end-of-frame delimiter. There are two types of frames: Link control frames (transmission acknowledgements, etc.) and data frames.

*See also Data Word.*

**FRU**

Field Replaceable Unit. A component that can be replaced on site.

**FS\_ACC**

Fibre Channel Services Accept. The information unit used to indicate acceptance of a request for a Fibre Channel service.

**FS\_IU**

Fibre Channel Services Information Unit. An information unit that has been defined by a Fibre Channel service.

**FS\_REQ**

Fibre Channel Services Request. A request for a Fibre Channel services function, or notification of a fabric condition or event.

**FS\_RJT**

Fibre Channel Services Reject. An indication that a request for Fibre Channel services could not be processed.

**FS**

Fibre Channel Service. A service that is defined by Fibre Channel standards and exists at a well-known address. For example, the Simple Name Server is a Fibre Channel service.

*See also* FSP.

**FSPF**

Fabric Shortest Path First. HP routing protocol for Fibre Channel switches.

**FSP**

Fibre Channel Service Protocol. The common protocol for all fabric services, transparent to the fabric type or topology.

*See also* FS.

**Full Fabric**

The HP license that allows multiple E\_Ports on a switch, making it possible to create multiple ISL links.

**Full-duplex**

A mode of communication that allows the same port to simultaneously transmit and receive frames.

*See also* half-duplex.

**Fx\_Port**

A fabric port that can operate as either an F\_Port or FL\_Port.

*See also* F\_Port, FL\_Port.

**G\_Port**

Generic Port. A port that can operate as either an E\_Port or F\_Port. A port is defined as a G\_Port when it is not yet connected or has not yet assumed a specific function in the fabric.

**Gateway**

Hardware that connects incompatible networks by providing translation for both hardware and software. For example, an ATM gateway can be used to connect a Fibre Channel link to an ATM connection.

## **GBIC**

Gigabit interface converter. A removable serial transceiver module that allows gigabaud physical-level transport for Fibre Channel and gigabit Ethernet. Typically refers only to the SC-form factor transceivers.

*See also SFP.*

## **Gbps**

Gigabits per second (1,062,500,000 bits/second).

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## **Half-duplex**

A mode of communication that allows a port to either transmit or receive frames at any time, but not simultaneously (with the exception of link control frames, which can be transmitted at any time).

*See also full-duplex.*

## **Hard Address**

The AL\_PA that an NL\_Port attempts to acquire during loop initialization.

## **Hardware Translative Mode**

A method for achieving address translation. The following two hardware translative modes are available to a QuickLoop-enabled switch:

- Standard Translative Mode: Allows public devices to communicate with private devices that are directly connected to the fabric.
- QuickLoop Mode: Allows initiator devices to communicate with private or public devices that are not in the same loop.

## **HBA**

Host Bus Adapter. The interface card between a server or workstation bus and the Fibre Channel network.

## **High Availability**

An attribute of equipment that identifies it as being capable of conducting customer operations well in excess of 99% of the time. Typically High Availability is identified by the number of nines in that percentage. “Five Nines” means the equipment is rated as being capable of conducting customer operations 99.999% of the time without failure.

**Host**

A computer that accesses storage devices over the fabric. May also be referred to as a server.

*See also* workstation.

**Hot Pluggable**

A FRU capability that indicates it may be extracted or installed while customer data is otherwise flowing in the chassis.

**Hub**

A Fibre Channel wiring concentrator that collapses a loop topology into a physical star topology. Nodes are automatically added to the loop when active and removed when inactive.

**IBTA**

The InfiniBand Trade Association (IBTA). The IBTA is an industry consortium of more than 200 companies working together to develop a new common I/O specification designed to bring greater scalability and performance to server I/O. InfiniBand defines a new channel based, switched-fabric technology for server-to-server and server-to-I/O interconnection that is expected to improve scalability and performance over existing PCI Bus technologies.

**Idle**

Continuous transmission of an ordered set over a Fibre Channel link when no data is being transmitted, to keep the link active and maintain bit, byte, and word synchronization.

**InfiniBand**

*See* IBTA.

**Initiator**

A server or workstation on a Fibre Channel network that initiates communications with storage devices.

*See also* Target.

**Integrated Fabric**

The fabric created by a SAN Switch Integrated/32 and SAN Switch Integrated/64, consisting of six SAN Switch 16-EL switches cabled together and configured to handle traffic as a seamless group.

**IOD**

In-order Delivery. A parameter that, when set, guarantees that frames are either delivered in order or dropped.

**IPA**

Initial Process Associator. An identifier associated with a process at an N\_Port.

**Isolated E\_Port**

An E\_Port that is online but not operational due to overlapping Domain IDs or nonidentical parameters (such as E\_D\_TOVs).

*See also* E\_Port.

**ISL**

Interswitch Link, a Fibre Channel link from the E\_Port of one switch to the E\_Port of another.

*See also* E\_Port, cascade, ISL trunking.

**ISL Trunking**

An HP feature that enables distribution of traffic over the combined bandwidth of up to four ISLs (between adjacent switches), while preserving in-order delivery. A set of trunked ISLs is called a trunking group; each port employed in a trunking group is called a trunking port.

*See also* Master Port.

**IU**

Information Unit. A set of information as defined by either upper-level process protocol definition or upper-level protocol mapping.

**JBOD**

Just a Bunch Of Disks. Indicates a number of disks connected in a single chassis to one or more controllers.

*See also* RAID.

**K28.5**

A special 10-bit character used to indicate the beginning of a transmission word that performs Fibre Channel control and signaling functions. The first seven bits of the character are the comma pattern.

*See also* comma.

**Kernel Flash**

flash memory that stores the bootable kernel code and is visible within the processor's memory space. Data is stored as raw bits.

**Key Pair**

In public key cryptography, a pair of keys consisting of an entity's public and private key. The public key can be publicized, but the private key must be kept secret.

**L\_Port**

Loop Port. A node port (NL\_Port) or fabric port (FL\_Port) that has arbitrated loop capabilities. An L\_Port can be in one of two modes:

- Fabric mode: Connected to a port that is not loop capable, and using fabric protocol.
- Loop mode: In an arbitrated loop and using loop protocol. An L\_Port in loop mode can also be in participating mode or non-participating mode.

*See also* Non-participating Mode, Participating Mode.

**Latency**

The period of time required to transmit a frame, from the time it is sent until it arrives. Together, latency and bandwidth define the speed and capacity of a link or system.

**LED**

Light Emitting Diode. Used on HP switches to indicate the status of various switch elements.

**Link Services**

A protocol for link-related actions.

**Link**

As applies to Fibre Channel, a physical connection between two ports, consisting of both transmit and receive fibers.

*See also* Circuit.

**LIP**

Loop Initialization Primitive. The signal used to begin initialization in a loop. Indicates either loop failure or resetting of a node.

**LIS\_HOLD\_TIME**

Loop Initialization Sequence Hold Time. The maximum period of time for a node to forward a loop initialization sequence.

**LM\_TOV**

Loop Master Time-out Value. The minimum time that the loop master waits for a loop initialization sequence to return.

**Login BB\_Credit**

The number of receive buffers a receiving L\_Port has available when a circuit is first established.

*See also* BB\_Credit.

**Loop Circuit**

A temporary bidirectional communication path established between L\_Ports.

**Loop Failure**

Loss of signal within a loop for any period of time, or loss of synchronization for longer than the time-out value.

*See also* error.

**Loop Initialization**

The logical procedure used by an L\_Port to discover its environment. Can be used to assign AL\_PA addresses, detect loop failure, or reset a node.

**Loop\_ID**

A hex value representing one of the 127 possible AL\_PA values in an arbitrated loop.

**Looplet**

A set of devices connected in a loop to a port that is a member of another loop.

**LPSM**

Loop Port State Machine. The logical entity that performs arbitrated loop protocols and defines the behavior of L\_Ports when they require access to an arbitrated loop.

**LWL**

Long Wavelength. A type of fiber optic cabling that is based on 1300-mm lasers and supports link speeds of 1.0625 Gbps. May also refer to the type of GBIC or SFP.

*See also* SWL.

**Master Port**

As relates to trunking, the port that determines the routing paths for all traffic flowing through the trunking group. One of the ports in the first ISL in the trunking group is designated as the master port for that group.

*See also* ISL Trunking.

**Media**

*See* transceiver.

**MIB**

Management Information Base. An SNMP structure to help with device management, providing configuration and device information.

**Modem Serial Port**

The upper serial port on the CP Card of the StorageWorks Core switch. Can be used to connect the CP Card to a modem with a standard 9-pin modem cable. Consists of a DB-9 connector wired as a RS-232 device, and can be connected by serial cable to a DCE device. A Hayes-compatible modem or Hayes-emulation is required. The device name is ttys1.

*See also* DB-9 connector, DCE port, terminal serial port.

**Monitoring State**

The state in which a port is monitoring the flow of information for data relevant to the port.

**Multicast**

The transmission of data from a single source to multiple specified N\_Ports (as opposed to all the ports on the network).

*See also* broadcast, unicast.

**Multimode**

A fiber optic cabling specification that allows up to 500 meters between devices for 1 Gb, or 300 meters between devices for 2 Gb.

**N\_Port**

Node Port. A port on a node that can connect to a Fibre Channel port or to another N\_Port in a point-to-point connection.

*See also* NL\_Port, Nx\_Port.

**NAA**

Network Address Authority. An identifier that indicates the format of a network address.

**Name Server**

Frequently used to indicate Simple Name Server.

*See also* SNS.

**Native Address Identifier**

A unique, 64-bit address is assigned to each port, and is referred to as its World-Wide Name (WWN). If a port connects to an arbitrated loop, it will also be assigned a dynamic 8-bit address, referred to as its arbitrated loop physical address, or AL\_PA. If it connects to a fabric, it will be assigned a dynamic 24-bit address, referred to as its Native Address Identifier.

**Negotiate**

*See* auto-negotiate speed and autosense.

**NL\_Port**

Node Loop Port. A node port that has arbitrated loop capabilities. Used to connect an equipment port to the fabric in a loop configuration through an FL\_Port.

*See also N\_Port, Nx\_Port.*

**Node Name**

The unique identifier for a node, communicated during login and port discovery.

**Node**

A Fibre Channel device that contains an N\_Port or NL\_Port.

**Non-participating Mode**

A mode in which an L\_Port in a loop is inactive and cannot arbitrate or send frames, but can retransmit any received transmissions. This mode is entered if there are more than 127 devices in a loop and an AL\_PA cannot be acquired.

*See also L\_Port, Participating Mode.*

**Nx\_Port**

A node port that can operate as either an N\_Port or NL\_Port.

**Open Originator**

The L\_Port that wins arbitration in an arbitrated loop and sends an OPN ordered set to the destination port, then enters the Open state.

**Open Recipient**

The L\_Port that receives the OPN ordered set from the open originator, and then enters the Open state.

**Open State**

The state in which a port can establish a circuit with another port. A port must be in the Open state before it can arbitrate.

**OPN**

Open Primitive Signal.

**Ordered Set**

A transmission word that uses 8B/10B mapping and begins with the K28.5 character. Ordered sets occur outside of frames, and include the following items:

- Frame delimiters: Mark frame boundaries and describe frame contents.
- Primitive signals: Indicate events.
- Primitive sequences: Indicate or initiate port states.

Ordered sets are used to differentiate Fibre Channel control information from data frames and to manage the transport of frames.

**Packet**

A set of information transmitted across a network.

*See also* Frame.

**Participating Mode**

A mode in which an L\_Port in a loop has a valid AL\_PA and can arbitrate, send frames, and retransmit received transmissions.

*See also* L\_Port, Non-participating Mode.

**Path Selection**

The selection of a transmission path through the fabric. HP StorageWorks switches use the FSPF protocol.

**Performance Monitor**

Comprehensive HP tool for monitoring the performance of networked storage resources.

**Performance Monitoring**

An HP product that provides error and performance information to the administrator and end user for use in storage management.

**Phantom Address**

An AL\_PA value that is assigned to a device that is not physically in the loop.

*Also known as* phantom AL\_PA.

**Phantom Device**

A device that is not physically in an arbitrated loop, but is logically included through the use of a phantom address.

**PLOGI**

Port Login. The port-to-port login process by which initiators establish sessions with targets.

*See also* FLOGI.

**Point-to-point**

A Fibre Channel topology that employs direct links between each pair of communicating entities.

*See also* topology.

**Port Cage**

The metal casing extending out of the optical port on the switch, and in which the SFP can be inserted.

**Port Card**

A Fibre Channel card that contains optical or copper port interfaces, and acts like a switch module.

*See also* 16-port card.

**Port Module**

A collection of ports in a switch.

**Port\_Name**

The unique identifier assigned to a Fibre Channel port. Communicated during login and port discovery.

**POST**

Power On Self-Test. A series of tests run by a switch after it is turned on.

**Primary FCS Switch**

Primary fabric configuration server switch. The switch that actively manages the configuration parameters for all switches in the fabric.

*See also* backup FCS switch, FCS switch.

**Private Device**

A device that supports arbitrated loop protocol and can interpret 8-bit addresses, but cannot log into the fabric.

**Private Loop**

An arbitrated loop that does not include a participating FL\_Port.

**Private NL\_Port**

An NL\_Port that communicates only with other private NL\_Ports in the same loop and does not log into the fabric.

**Protocol**

A defined method and a set of standards for communication.

**PSU**

Power Supply Unit.

**Public Device**

A device that supports arbitrated loop protocol, can interpret 8-bit addresses, and can log into the fabric.

**Public Loop**

An arbitrated loop that includes a participating FL\_Port, and may contain both public and private NL\_Ports.

**Public NL\_Port**

An NL\_Port that logs into the fabric, can function within either a public or a private loop, and can communicate with either private or public NL\_Ports.

**Quad**

A group of four adjacent ports that share a common pool of frame buffers.

**QuickLoop**

An HP StorageWorks product that makes it possible to allow private devices within loops to communicate with public and private devices across the fabric through the creation of a larger loop.

May also refer to the arbitrated loop created using this software. A QuickLoop can contain a number of devices or looplets; all devices in the same QuickLoop share a single AL\_PA space.

A means of allowing private hosts to communicate with private targets across a switched fabric.

The QuickLoop/Fabric Assist feature also allows:

- Private hosts to communicate with public targets across a switched fabric
- Private hosts to communicate with private targets that are not resident on the same switch across a switched fabric

*See also* Fabric Access, fabric assist, and translatable mode.

**QuickLoop Zoning**

Protects devices from disruption by unrelated devices during critical processes; for example, during a tape backup session.

**R\_A\_TOV**

Resource Allocation Time-out Value. The maximum time a frame can be delayed in the fabric and still be delivered.

*See also* E\_D\_TOV, RR\_TOV.

**R\_RDY**

Receiver ready. A primitive signal indicating that the port is ready to receive a frame.

**RAID**

Redundant Array of Independent Disks. A collection of disk drives that appear as a single volume to the server and are fault tolerant through mirroring or parity checking.

*See also* JBOD.

**Remote Fabric**

A fabric that spans across WANs by using protocol translation (a process also known as tunneling) such as Fibre Channel over ATM or Fibre Channel over IP.

**Remote Switch**

Bridges two switches into a SAN as large as 3000KM or more through protocol encapsulation in ATM networks via the Computer Network Technologies (CNT) UltraNet Open Systems Gateway.

**Request Rate**

The rate at which requests arrive at a servicing entity.

*See also* service rate.

**RLS Probing**

Read link status of the AL\_PAs.

**Root Account**

A login used for debugging purposes by HP engineers and is not intended for customer use.

*See also* account level switches.

**Route**

As applies to a fabric, the communication path between two switches. May also apply to the specific path taken by an individual frame, from source to destination.

*See also* FSPF.

**Routing**

The assignment of frames to specific switch ports, according to frame destination.

**RR\_TOV**

Resource Recovery Time-out Value. The minimum time a target device in a loop waits after a LIP before logging out a SCSI initiator.

*See also* E\_D\_TOV, R\_A\_TOV.

**RS-232 port**

A port that conforms to a set of Electrical Industries Association (EIA) standards. Used to connect DTE and DCE devices for communication between computers, terminals, and modems.

*See also* DCE port, DTE port.

**RSCN**

Registered State Change Notification. A switch function that allows notification of fabric changes to be sent from the switch to specified nodes.

**RX\_ID**

Responder Exchange Identifier. A 2-byte field in the frame header used by the responder of the Exchange to identify frames as being part of a particular exchange.

**SAN**

Storage Area Network. A network of systems and storage devices that communicate using Fibre Channel protocols.

*See also* fabric.

**SAN Switch**

A switch whose main task is to connect nodes into the fabric.

*See also* core switch.

**SCSI**

Small Computer Systems Interface. A parallel bus architecture and protocol for transmitting large data blocks to a distance of 15 - 25 meters.

**SDRAM**

Synchronous Dynamic Random Access Memory. The main memory for the switch. Used for volatile storage during switch operation.

*See also* flash.

**Sequence**

A group of related frames transmitted in the same direction between two N\_Ports.

**Service Rate**

The rate at which an entity can service requests.

*See also* request rate.

**SFF**

Small Form Factor.

**SFP Cable**

The latest innovation in high-speed copper cabling for Fibre Channel and InfiniBand. It incorporates the SFP module directly onto the cable assembly, eliminating the need for a separate SFP copper module and an HSSDC2 cable assembly.

**SFP**

Small form factor pluggable. A transceiver used on 2 Gbps switches that replaces the GBIC. Refers to the LC-form factor transceiver.

*See also* GBIC.

**SID/DID**

Source identifier/Destination identifier. S\_ID is a 3-byte field in the frame header that is used to indicate the address identifier of the N\_Port from which the frame was sent.

**Single Mode**

The fiber optic cabling standard that, when used in conjunction with a 1300 nm laser light, can transfer data up to 10 km between devices. When used in conjunction with a 1550 nm laser light, single mode cabling can transfer data over 10 km.

*See also* multimode, LWL, ELWL, and XLWL.

**SI**

Sequence Initiative.

**SNMP**

Simple Network Management Protocol. An internet management protocol that uses either IP for network-level functions and UDP for transport-level functions, or TCP/IP for both. Can be made available over other protocols, such as UDP/IP, because it does not rely on the underlying communication protocols.

*See also* Community (SNMP).

**SNMPv1**

The original SNMP, now labeled v1.

**SNS**

Simple Name Server. A switch service that stores names, addresses, and attributes for up to 15 minutes, and provides them as required to other devices in the fabric. SNS is defined by Fibre Channel standards and exists at a well-known address. May also be referred to as directory service.

*See also* FS.

**StorageWorks SAN switch**

The brand name for the HP family of switches.

**Switch Name**

The arbitrary name assigned to a switch.

**Switch Port**

A port on a switch. Switch ports can be E\_Ports, F\_Ports, or FL\_Ports.

**Switch**

Hardware that routes frames according to Fibre Channel protocol and is controlled by software.

**SWL**

Short Wavelength. A type of fiber optic cabling that is based on 850-mm lasers and supports 1.0625-Gbps link speeds. May also refer to the type of GBIC or SFP.

*See also LWL.*

**Tachyon**

A chip developed by Hewlett-Packard, and used in various devices. This chip has FC-0 through FC-2 on one chip.

**Target**

A storage device on a Fibre Channel network.

*See also Initiator.*

**Tenancy**

The time from when a port wins arbitration in a loop until the same port returns to the monitoring state. Also referred to as loop tenancy.

**Terminal Serial Port**

May also be referred to as the console port. The lower serial port on the CP Card of the StorageWorks Core switch. This port sends switch information messages and can receive commands. Can be used to connect the CP Card to a computer terminal. Has an RS-232 connector wired as a DTE device, and can be connected by serial cable to a DCE device. The connector pins two and three are swapped so that a straight-through cable can be used to connect to a terminal. The device name is ttyS0.

*See also DCE port, modem serial port.*

**Throughput**

The rate of data flow achieved within a cable, link, or system. Usually measured in bps (bits per second).

*See also bandwidth.*

**Topology**

As applies to Fibre Channel, the configuration of the Fibre Channel network and the resulting communication paths allowed. There are three possible topologies:

- Point to point: A direct link between two communication ports.
- Switched fabric: Multiple N\_Ports linked to a switch by F\_Ports.
- Arbitrated loop: Multiple NL\_Ports connected in a loop.

**Transceiver**

Device that converts one form of signaling to another for transmission and reception; in fiber optics, it refers to optical and electrical.

**Transfer State**

The state in which a port can establish circuits with multiple ports without reentering the arbitration cycle for each circuit. This state can only be accessed by an L\_Port in the Open state.

**Translative Mode**

A mode in which private devices can communicate with public devices across the fabric.

**Transmission Character**

A 10-bit character encoded according to the rules of the 8B/10B algorithm.

**Transmission Word**

A group of four transmission characters.

*See also* data word.

**Trap (SNMP)**

The message sent by an SNMP agent to inform the SNMP management station of a critical error.

*See also* SNMP.

**Trunking**

*See* ISL Trunking.

**Tunneling**

A technique for enabling two networks to communicate when the source and destination hosts are both on the same type of network, but are connected by a different type of network.

**U\_Port**

Universal Port. A switch port that can operate as a G\_Port, E\_Port, F\_Port, or FL\_Port. A port is defined as a U\_Port when it is not connected or has not yet assumed a specific function in the fabric.

**UDP**

User Datagram Protocol. A protocol that runs on top of IP and provides port multiplexing for upper-level protocols.

**ULP\_TOV**

Upper-level Time-out Value. The minimum time that a SCSI ULP process waits for SCSI status before initiating ULP recovery.

**ULP**

Upper-level Protocol. The protocol that runs on top of Fibre Channel. Typical upper-level protocols are SCSI, IP, HIPPI, and IPI.

**Unicast**

The transmission of data from a single source to a single destination.

*See also* broadcast, multicast.

**user account**

A login intended for use by the customer to monitor, but not control, switch operation.

*See also* account level switches.

**VC**

Virtual circuit. A one-way path between N\_Ports that allows fractional bandwidth.

**Web Tools**

An HP product that runs on Fabric OS and provides a graphical interface to allow monitoring and management of individual switches or entire fabrics from a standard workstation running a browser.

**Well-known Address**

As pertaining to Fibre Channel, a logical address defined by the Fibre Channel standards as assigned to a specific function, and stored on the switch.

**Workstation**

A computer used to access and manage the fabric. May also be referred to as a management station or host.

**WWN**

World-Wide Name. An identifier that is unique worldwide. Each entity in a fabric has a separate WWN.

**XLWL**

Xtra Long Wave Length. Laser light with a periodic length greater than 1300 nm (e.g., 1420 or 1550). XLWL lasers are used to transmit Fibre Channel data over distances greater than 10 Km.

*Also known as* ELWL.

**Xmitted Close State**

The state in which an L\_Port cannot send messages, but can retransmit messages within the loop. A port in the XMITTED CLOSE state cannot attempt to arbitrate.

**Zone**

A set of devices and hosts attached to the same fabric and configured as being in the same zone. Devices and hosts within the same zone have access permission to others in the zone, but are not visible to any outside the zone.

*See also* Zoning.

**Zone Alias**

A name assigned to a device or group of devices in a zone. Aliases can greatly simplify the zone administrative process.

*See also* alias.

**Zone Configuration**

A specified set of zones. Enabling a configuration enables all zones in that configuration.

*See also* defined zone configuration, enabled zone configuration.

**Zone Member**

A port, node, WWN, or alias, which is part of a zone.

**Zone Schemes**

The level of zoning granularity selected. For example, zoning may be done by switch/port, WWN, AL\_PA, or a mixture.

*See also* zone configuration.

**Zone Set**

*See* zone configuration.

**Zoning**

An HP product that runs on Fabric OS and allows partitioning of the fabric into logical groupings of devices. Devices in a zone can only access and be accessed by devices in the same zone.

*See also* zone.

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